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Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in general convention in the Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Preble county, Ohio, on Wednesday, the tenth day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at a quarter past three o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, pursuant to adjournment, convened in general convention in the Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Preble county, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 10, A. D. 1883, at 7 o'clock in the evening. In the absence of the president, (Rev. John Vogt, D. D.,) the Stated Clerk conducted the opening religious services, and after having appointed Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., president *pro tem*, the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon, by appointment of synod, was preached by Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., from Acts xvi: 5: "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Samuel B. Yockey, Henry M. Herman, D. D., Joseph G. Shoemaker, James T. Hale, Daniel R. Taylor, G. Wm. H. Smith, Richard B. Reichard, George Z. Mechling, William A. Hale, Milton F. Frank, John Stuck, Nathan W. Bloom, Solomon Ream, William H. Shults, Edwin R. Williard, George H. Souder, Michael Loucks, John E. Dingledine, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Lewis B. Clayton.

Elders.—Andrew H. Baughman, John Brehm, Eli Diehl, Philip Frank Cost, John K. Small, Jacob S. Peterson, Benjamin Kuhns, Benjamin Meckley, George Miller, Henry Hildabolt, Henry Klinger, and Robert M. Kinney.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Amos Casselman, Louis B. C. Lahr, Austin Henry, and John R. Skinner.

Elders.—John C. King, and George Holman.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Orange E. Lake, Edward D. Wettach, Albert Gonser, Edward M. Beck, and Lewis M. Kerschner.

Elders.—George Souder, and John Eidt.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., William A. Long, William Smith, and David S. Caldwell.

Elder.—Lewis Keller.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, Ruben Keller, and Frank C. Witthoff.

Elder.—John Coy.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Minister.—Joshua Wolbach.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Jeriah S. Shade, James H. Lippard, and Simon P. Myers.

IOWA CLASSIS.

No delegates present.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John L. Bretz, and Jesse Steiner.

Elder.—Jacob Oberlin.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

No delegates present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From St. Joseph Classis.—Licentiate William A. From.

From Lancaster Classis.—Elder Henry Leonard.

From Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

MINISTER FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. E. M. Keck, Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. William A. Hale, *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, O.
Rev. Austin Henry, *Cor. Secretary*, Canal Winchester, O.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order of synod were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to include the first seven pews in front of the church.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following named were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Revs. Joseph G. Shoemaker, Dr. Henry M. Herman, Michael Loucks, and Elders John Brehm, and Eli Diehl.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Albert Gonser, Edward M. Beck, Elders John K. Small, and Benjamin Meckley.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Amos Casselman, John L. Bretz, William A. Long, Elders Lewis Keller and Joshua Eidt.

Overtures.—Revs. Jesse Steiner, William H. Shults, Frank C. Witthoff, Elders George Souder, and Philip F. Cost.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs Dr. Geo. W. Williard, John J. Leberman, Orange E. Lake, Elders George Souder, and Andrew H. Baughman.

State of Religion.—Revs. Milton F. Frank, Richard B. Reichard, Samuel B. Yockey, Reuben Keller, Elders Benjamin Kuhns, and John C. King.

Missions.—Revs. Dr. Henry M. Herman, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Simon P. Meyers, Elders Jacob Oberlin, and John Coy.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, John J. Leberman, Daniel R. Taylor, James H. Lippard, Elders George Holman, and Jacob Oberlin.

Heidelberg College—Revs. Joseph G. Shoemaker, Solomon Ream, George H. Souder, Orange E. Lake, Elders P. Frank Cost and Henry Klinger.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, John Stuck, John R. Skinner, Elders George Miller, and Robert M. Kinney.

Publication.—Revs. Richard B. Reichard, William Smith, John E. Dingledine, Elders Eli Diehl, and George Holman.

Finance.—Revs. Austin Henry, Louis B. C. Lahr, Edwin R. Williard, Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Benjamin Kuhns.

Nominations.—Revs. Milton F. Frank, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, John J. Leberman, Elders Andrew H. Baughman and P. Frank Cost.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph, and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions and of its Treasurer, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. The reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

4. The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, together with that of the Financial Agent, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

5. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

6. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. There were also various other reports received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report sets forth the several facts.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod observed during its present sessions the following religious services:

1. The synod spent the first half hour of each morning session, except on Monday, in devotional services, and the sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received and as amended adopted:

Your committee respectfully reports the following for adoption:

Reformed Church, West Alexandria.—Thursday evening, synodical sermon by Rev. Geo. W. Willard, D. D. Saturday afternoon, preparatory services, sermon by Rev. O. E. Lake; liturgical services by Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D. Sunday morning, sermon, by Rev. H. H. W. Hilshman, D. D.; liturgical services by Rev. Geo. W. Willard, D. D. Sunday afternoon, Sunday-school meeting, addresses by Revs. E. R. Willard, A. Casselman, and J. R. Skinner. Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. M. L. Kerschner.

M. E. Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.; Sunday evening, Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

Johnsville.—Sunday afternoon, Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Lexington.—Sunday, Rev. S. P. Myers.

Farmersville.—Sunday, Rev. R. B. Reichard.

Germantown.—Sunday, Rev. G. W. H. Smith.

David's Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. R. Keller.

First Church, Dayton.—Sunday morning, Rev. E. P. Herbruck; Sunday evening, Rev. R. Keller.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH G. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

3. The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during Thursday morning session, reported in item 14 that the officers of synod and Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, *pastor loci*, were instructed to prepare a programme of exercises to be observed during this meeting of synod, and to appoint and notify speakers to deliver addresses on the occasion.

The committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committe constituted by the last synod to prepare a programme of exercises, and to appoint and notify speakers, would report that they have arranged the following exercises:

FRIDAY EVENING.

First Topic—"Christian Treatment of Scepticism." By Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Second Topic—"Missions in the Congregation." By Rev. William A. Hale. (1.)

SUNDAY EVENING.

Third Topic—"The Church as the Bearer of Grace and Salvation." By Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D. (2.)

After each of these addresses, privilege shall be allowed to any member of Synod to offer some remarks, not to exceed five minutes. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H REITER,
Acting Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.
SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the last Ohio Synod were received through the Stated Clerk,and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted the following report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

The Committee on Synodical minutes respectfully submits the following:

Item 1, page 11. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have memorial services forwarded to the families of the deceased ministers, and have the same published in the *Christian World.*

Item 2, page 39. Classes are requested to appoint missionary committees to co-operate with the Board of Missions.

Item 3, page 39. Classes are directed to have their apportionments for Missions paid in semi-annual installments.

Item 4, page 40. The Board of Missions is instructed to report on the first day of the meeting of Synod.

Item 5, page 40. Classes are requested to provide for holding missionary festivals.

Item 6, page 40. The attention of classes is called to former apportionments to cancel indebtedness of Church Erection Board.

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1. As Rev. W. A. Hale was called home because of sickness in his family, the synod appointed Rev. S. B. Yockey to deliver an address on Missions.
2. As Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph. D., was necessarily absent, the synod appointed Rev. L. M. Kerschner to preach a sermon on Sunday evening in place of the proposed address. *Stated Clerk.*

Item 7, page 52. The Stated Clerk is instructed to give notice to the presidents of the classes of synod's apportionment of the seminary's indebtedness.

Item 8, page 61. The Stated Clerk is authorized to procure blank forms for Sunday-school statistics.

Item 9, page 62. A resolution calling for an evening to be set apart for the consideration of the interests of the Sunday-schools, during the sessions of synod.

Item 10, page 72. The editors of the *Christian World* are requested to make such arrangements as will lead to the discontinuance of the "Eastern Department" of that paper.

Item 11, page 73. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have 1200 copies of the Minutes of Synod published and distributed among the classes.

Item 12, page 75. The Stated Clerk is instructed to call the attention of the Cincinnati Classis to its indebtedness to this synod.

Item 13, page 75. Apportionments.

Item 14, page 81. The officers of synod and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker are instructed to prepare a programme of exercises to be observed at the meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows:

Items 1 and 10 were adopted, and a verbal report was received as "attended to;" for results reached in items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, see Article XIII, Missions; for report in item 7, see Article XIV, Theological Seminary; for report in item 8, see Article XVII, Sunday-schools; item 9 was referred to the Committee on Religious Services; for result in item 11, see Article XXI, Publication; for report in item 12, see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous; for action in item 13, see Article IX, Minutes of Classes, and Article XXII, Finance; for report in item 14, see Article VII, Religious Services.

ARTICLE IX.
MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole:

Your Committee would report that we have carefully examined the minutes of the several classes, and so far as we are able to decipher ancient hyeroglyphics, have gathered the following items, which, in our judgment, claims your attention:

I. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Shelby Classis asks leave of synod to retain their missionary money within their own territory.

2. Tuscarawas Classis asks to be relieved of the apportionment of $170.70 for church erection.

3. Tuscarawas Classis recommends that steps be taken to increase the endowment of the Theological Seminary.

4 Eastern Ohio, Miami and Tiffin Classes overture this synod to co-operate in the formation of the "Ohio Divorce Reform League."

5. Iowa Classis renews its request to be dismissed for the formation of a new synod.

6. Kansas Classis expresses itself as not being ready to enter into the formation of a new synod, because of financial difficulties in the way

7. Kansas and Northern Illinois Classes respectfully ask to be excused for non-attendance at the last meeting of Synod, because of distance and expense incurred.

8. Iowa Classis asks to be released from all of synod's apportionments, and that no further apportionments be made upon them.

9. Northern Illinois Classis asks to be relieved from the payment of all apportionments of synod, except contingent fund.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

10. Lancaster, Kansas, Miami, Tiffin, Tuscarawas, Northern Illinois, Eastern Ohio, and Iowa Classes adopt synod's recommendations pertaining to general missionary work.

11. Kansas, Shelby, Northern Illinois, Turcarawas, Tiffin, and Iowa Classes adopt synod's recommendations concerning the church publications.

12. Eastern Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Northern Illinois, and Shelby Classes adopt synod's recommendations pertaining to the St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

13. Kansas and Iowa Classes adopt synod's recommendations concerning the proposed Olevianus monument.

14. Eastern Ohio and Iowa Classes adopt synod's instructions concerning Foreign Missions.

15. Shelby, Lancaster, Miami, Tiffin, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, and Iowa Classes adopt Synod's recommendations pertaining to Sunday-schools.

16. Lancaster, Eastern Ohio, Tiffin, and Shelby Classes adopt and assesses synod's apportionment in full.

17. Kansas Classis accepts synod's apportionment only on missions and contingent fund.

18. Miami Classis accepts synod's apportionment, but declines to make up delinquency of 1879, '80 and '81 in regard to church erection.

19. Shelby Classis refused to appoint a missionary committee as recommended by synod.

20. Eastern Ohio and Northern Illinois Classes reject the proposed amendments to the constitution.

21. Miami Classis rejects the proposed amendments to the constitution, except that part referring to concentration of church work in boards of General Synod, so far as it pertains to Home and Foreign Missions.

22. Kansas Classis does not concur in the proposed amendments to the constitution, except that part pertaining to the concentration of church work in boards of General Synod.

23. Lancaster Classis does not concur in synod's action pertaining to the attendance of ministers and delegated elders upon synod when held in General Convention.

24. All the classes elect delegates to the General Synod.

III. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

25. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. J. Steiner from Miami Classis, Rev. W. A. Miller from Eastern Ohio Classis, Licentiate Wm. A. From from Tiffin Classis, and Licentiate J. L. Bretz from Tuscarawas Classis, and ordained him. Dismissed Rev. R. Keller and Rev. F. C. Witthoff to Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. B. Henry to Lancaster Classis, Rev. E. R. Williard to Miami Classis, Rev. A. H. Leiss to Zion's Classis of the Synod of the North-west, Rev. W. H. Fenneman to Cincinnati Classis of the Central Synod, and Rev. J. D. Neff to Tiffin Classis,

26. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. R. Keller and Rev. F. C. Witthoff from St. Joseph Classis. Dismissed Rev. E. H. Otting to Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. W. A. Miller to St. Joseph Classis.

27. Shelby Classis dismissed Rev. S. P. Myers and Rev. R. F. Oplinger to St. Joseph Classis.

28. Kansas Classis received Rev. D. B. Shuey from Lancaster Classis of Synod in United States.

29. Iowa Classis received Rev. S. L. Runkel from Tiffin Classis. Dismissed Rev. I. A. Sites and Rev. Geo. Weber to Northern Illinois Classis.

30. Tiffin Classis received Rev. Dr. Hibshman from East Pennsylvania, Synod in United States, Rev. C. W. Good from Westmoreland Classis of Pittsburg Synod, Rev. D. M. Christman from Lebanon Classis, Synod in United States, Rev. J. D. Neff from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. V. Potts and D. S. Caldwell from the U. B. Church. Dismissed Rev. L. B. C. Lahr and Rev. A. Casselman to Lancaster Classis, and Rev. J. A. Seitz to Shelby Classis.

31. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. L. M. Kerschner from St. John's Classis, Central Synod, Rev. E. H. Otting from Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. E. G. Williams from Zion's Classis of Potomac Synod, received R. C. Zartman from Lancaster Classis, examined, licensed, and ordained him, and dismissed Rev. J. M. Kendig to Eastern Ohio Classis, and Rev. J. H. Beck to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

32. Miami Classis received Rev. E. R. Williard from St. Joseph Classis, and examined, licensed, and ordained Lewis B. Clayton. Dismissed Rev. H. I. Comfort to Maryland Classis of Synod of Potomac.

33. Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. B. Henry from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. L. B. C. Lahr and Rev. A. Casselman from Tiffin Classis. Dismissed Rev. F. C. Yost to East Susquehanna Classis, Synod in the United States.

IV. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

34. Miami Classis meets in Mt. Zion Church, Highland charge, on Thursday, June 5th, 1884, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. M. F. Frank; Stated Clerk, Dr. H. M. Herman; Treasurer, Dr. I. H. Reiter.

35. Lancaster Classis meets in Jerusalem Church, of Kin-

nickinnick charge, on the first Friday evening of June, 1884. 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. S. F. Hershey; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Geo. H. Leonard.

36. Tuscarawas Classis meets in Manchester, O., the first Tuesday in June, 1884, at 3 P. M. President, Rev. L. M. Kerschner; Stated Clerk, Rev. E. D. Wettach; Treasurer, T. W. Chapman.

37. Tiffin Classis meets in Zion's Church, near Bellevue, Ohio, on Wednesday evening before full moon in May, 1884, at 7 P. M. President, Rev. N. H. Loose; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.

38. Eastern Ohio Classis meets at Louisville, Stark Co., Ohio, on the first Thursday in May, 1884, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. M. H. Groh; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. J. Leberman; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

39. Northern Illinois Classis meets at Forreston on the last Thursday in May, 1884, at 8 P. M. President, S. Mease, D. D.; Stated Clerk, Rev. Joshua Wolbach; Treaserer, J. Sechler.

40. Shelby Classis meets at Summum, Fulton Co., Ill., on Thursday, on or before full moon in August, 1884. President, Rev. J. F. Butler; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. S. Shade; Treasurer, John Runkel.

41. Iowa Classis meets at Zwingli Church, Dubuque Co., Iowa, on the last Wednesday of September, 1884, at 7 P. M. President, Rev. John H. Buser; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. D. S. Fouse.

42. St. Joseph Classis meets at Waterloo, Ind., on the first Thursday in June, 1884, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. F. F. Christine; Stated Clerk, Rev. L. Grosenbaugh; Treasurer, Rev. A. K. Zartman.

43. Kansas Classis meets at Emporia on the first Thursday after Pentecost, 1884, at 8 P. M. President, Rev. A. Bolliger; Stated Clerk, Rev. D. J. Greenwald; Treasurer, Fred. Isely.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS CASSELMAN, *Chairman.*

The following disposition was made of the report: For action in items 1 and 2, see Article XIII., Missions; item 3 was adopted, and the substance matter thereof referred to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary; for action in items 4, 5, 8 and 9, see Article XX., Church Government; item 7 was

adopted, and the request therein granted; item 13 was adopted, and the classes that have not complied with the request were urged to do so; item 14 was adopted, and the attention of all the classes is called to the matter; item 18 was adopted, and Miami Classis requested to accede to synod's action; in item 19 synod renews its request in the matter; in item 23 synod reaffirms its action. The items adopted are 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, to 43 inclusive.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which, having been received and considered item by item, was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully submit the following report:

1. Is a communication from a committee, appointed by the Classis of Philadelphia, calling the attention of this synod to the historical fact,—

a. That the first day of January, 1884, will be the anniversary and the fourth centennial of the birth of the learned, pious, and heroic Reformer, Ulric Zwingli.

b. Requesting this synod to take into consideration the propriety of celebrating, in some appropriate manner, the birth of one who holds a high place in the front rank of those great and good men, whom God raised up for the revival of pure apostolic Christianity in the Reformation of the sixteenth century.

2. Is an appeal for help from the Mission Church at Lima.

3. Is a communication from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.

a. Enclosing his report as Treasurer of Synod.

b. Asking synod to excuse his non-attendance, urging ill health as the reason.

4. Is a communication from Rev. J. Vogt, D. D.

a. Asking this synod to excuse his absence, urging ill health as the reason.

b. Extending an invitation to this synod to hold its next annual meeting in the Reformed Church at Delaware.

5. Is a circular from W. E. Schmertz, President of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa.

a. Expressing their gratitude at the hearty response made to their appeal by this synod a year ago.

b. Expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which the Orphans' Home has been managed by the superintendent during the past year.

c. Asking this synod to continue its interest in their little ones, and to increase, if possible, its contributions and bequests.

6. Is a communication from Rev. J. V. Potts, asking synod to excuse his non-attendance, for reasons stated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE STEINER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, including *a* and *b*, was referred to a special committee, for whose report see Article XXIV., Miscellanenous; item 2 was referred to the Committee on Missions, whose report see under Article XIII., Missions; item 3, *a*) referred to Committee on Finance, and *b*) excused; item 4, *a*) excused, and *b*) accepted, for which see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous; for action in item 5, including sub-items *a*, *b* and *c*, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; items 6 was adopted, and excuse granted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application was made in behalf of Mr. William J. McPherson and Licentiate William A. From, the former for examination, and the latter for ordination, and they were referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, October 15th, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report:

1. That the applicant Wm. J. McPherson after meeting the committee, and having an interview with us, withdrew his application, so that we have no further report to make in reference to him.

2. That the application of the Licentiate Wm. A. From for ordination and the confirmation of a call to the Plymouth

charge, is encumbered with constitutional difficulties, as his former call to the Kentland Mission, which was confirmed by the St. Joseph Classis, establishing a pastoral relation between him and said mission, must be dissolved before the synod can act on his application. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the synod refer the brother to the St. Joseph Classis, which alone has the power to remove the constitutional difficulties in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.
RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—In submitting unto you our report, we invite your attention to that which is of deep and all-absorbing interest to every true friend of our beloved Zion, especially to the stewards of the manifold grace of God, who have consecrated their lives, and all their energy to the upbuilding of our Redeemer's Kingdom. Our heart's desire, and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved; that the glorious gospel of the blessed God may exercise more and more its hallowing influence on the heart and life of every member of the church, until they develop into the fulness of the stature in Christ Jesus, glorified with the radiant light of heaven, and made meet for the inheritance of the saints. Our heart's desire is, that every desert of iniquity may be converted into the garden of the Lord, in which shall bloom the "Rose of Sharon, and the Lilly of the Valley;" that every home may have its altar to the living God, every heart be filled with the spirit of true devotion, and the will of God done upon earth as it is in heaven. This is the high purpose for which God has ordained the means of grace; for which he has called us to labor with our might, giving unto us trust, most sacred, and laying upon us responsibilities most solemn, for which we shall have to give an account on the day of final

reckoning. It is a matter, therefore, of great interest and importance to us all, to know what another year has brought forth in this direction; in how far the divine purpose and our desires have been realized, that with thankful hearts we may praise God for past success, and measuring anew the magnitude of the work before us, and be inspired to labor more zealously in the year to come.

From the reports which have come into our hands from the various classes, we learn that the general features of church work and experiences of Christian life, were essentially the same during the past year as in the preceding, yet results clearly indicate that all along the line, the forces of God have moved determinedly forward with unrelaxing effort and untiring zeal, and a very encouraging degree of success perches upon the banners which we have lifted up in the name of our King. It is not without good reason, therefore, that in all our borders should be found a disposition to offer unto God thanksgiving and praise for his wonderful goodness since he has so dearly loved us, and given us the victory. The ministry have, with few exceptions, been actively engaged in the services of our Lord, and have endeavored faithfully to perform the peculiar duties of their office. Mindful of the divine command to preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with long suffering and doctrine, workmen that need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. Yet we admit, without doubt, that there is room for improvement on the part of us all. We learn from the reports also, that the means of grace have been generally enjoyed; that the attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary has increased; that the large majority of the professed disciples of Christ have grown in grace, adding to faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. We learn also that the preached word has exercised a saving power on the world, both in the conversion of sinners, and in the cultivation of public sentiment against unrighteousness in its grosser forms. Through the foolishness of preaching, God has strengthened his church by bringing into the fold a very encouraging number of such as shall be saved.

Yet, withal, the devil, as in former years, has gone about

eager for prey as a roaring lion, but in appearance harmless and charming as an angel of light, making strong opposition by his dark arts and wicked enchantments.

As a consequence many are weak and worldly who ought to walk worthy of their high calling. And the power of God alone can break the grip with which the prince of evil holds those under his dominion. Intemperance, Sabbath desecration, and popular amusements, which draw the mind from sacred duties, and sap the religious life, and pernicious literature which poisons the mind, are complained of as doing untold damage to the cause of Christ. Many are the forms of evil, and various are the methods employed by Satan to stem the tide of Christian progress, but true religious life continues to diffuse itself, and the results of another year of persevering work give us new assurance that the divine hand of restoration is able to achieve all that prophets have promised, and for which the people of God have prayed.

The sacraments have been faithfully administered, and richly enjoyed by all who could be induced to make use of the means of grace. The number of infants baptized shows an increase over the preceding year, but the ill-proportion between communicant and uncommunicant members still remains, and indicates that in this direction no improvement has been made.

Catechisation has been generally insisted upon, and where properly attended to has grown in favor, and has given to the church a membership strong and enduring in Christian character, faithful in good works, and energetic in promoting the best interests of Zion.

The prayer meeting has been sustained with about the usual attendance and interest, but it comes so far short of what it ought to be, that the subject should be seriously considered, and some method found which will lead to success, and awaken a more general interest.

The Sabbath-school work has been prosecuted with commendable zeal, and with beneficial results, which figures fail fully to express. Conventions have been held, the importance of the cause has been kept before the minds of our people, and an enthusiasm awakened which promises a stronger sup-

port, and more effective effort to provide proper religious training for the rising generation.

Our publications have rendered valuable service during the past year in furnishing sound Christian instruction, and in calling attention to the vital interests and pressing demands of our Zion, and are worthy of a more liberal patronage than they receive. Every pastor ought to feel more sensibly his duty to introduce our church paper, and affectionately insist on having our own literature and helps in the Sunday-school. Among our publications, we make special mention of the "Treasury of Family Reading," a most excellent and valuable book issued during the last year, which reflects credit upon our church, and finds favor not only in our own denomination, but commends itselt to all Christian people, and is worthy to be introduced into every family.

Our institutions of learning continue to be liberally supported, and have endeavored faithfully to fulfill the important mission of preparing men and women for useful and hononable life, even the high calling of the Christian ministry.

The spirit of benevolence has been cultivated, and our missionary enterprises have been carried forward with an encouraging degree of success. But the unanswered calls for men and money which have come to us from helpless brethren, who have been deprived of the church of their choice, clearly indicate that we have not met the demands made upon us.

Since last the reverend synod met, God has richly blessed us out of his unwasting fulness, with all that is necessary for the life that is, and that which shall endure forever. He has graciously saved us from famine and pestilence; yet, in his wise providence, he has seen fit to thin the ranks of the church militant to swell the grand company of the church triumphant.

Five of our brethren in the ministry have been summoned to give an account of their stewardship, and reap the reward of their labors, while we are admonished to be always ready, "For in such an hour as ye think not our Lord will come." "Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord," and "blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten us unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus

Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptable, undefiled, and that fadeth not away."

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON F. FRANK, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports were received and considered by synod, and also adopted:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The Board of Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report of its operations during the year. While our work does not embrace many points, it is widely extended, and we are glad to be able to report all of our missions, now occupied by pastors, as in a healthy and growing condition. We have eleven missions with pastors. Two that were occupied last year are vacant, one has been abandoned for the present, and from two no report has been received. We present these points somewhat in detail:

1. *Jerusalem Mission.* Rev. J. R. Skinner, pastor; appropriation, $200. Congregations 4, members 144, baptized members 55, received during the year 8; contributions for benevolence $60, congregational purposes $30; pastor's support $325. This is one of the oldest missions, if not the oldest, under our care. It has grown strong enough to look forward to the time when it shall be self-supporting, and it is to be hoped it will be ere long.

2. *Greenville, O.* Rev. G. H. Souder, pastor; appropriation, $200. Congregation 1, members 43, baptized members 17, received during year 12; contributions, benevolence $17, congregational purposes $59; pastor's support $215.

The pastor expresses himself as well pleased with the general condition of the congregation. The experiences of the past have been a drawback, but with the old-time financial difficulties removed there seems to be no good reason why it shall not soon be a strong and influential congregation.

3. *Canal Fulton, O.* Rev. J. V. Lerch, pastor; appropriation, $100. Congregation 1, members 98, baptized during year 6, received during the year 15; contributions, benevolence $54, congregational purposes $45; pastor's support $400.

The growth of this mission has been quite rapid. It is but three years ago since the present organization came into existence, so that its progress is quite encouraging. Tuscarawas Classis, in whose bounds it lies, desires so to reconstruct its charges, as to relieve the board of giving further support. When this is done, it will, of course, pass from under our care, but untill it be done it deserves the fostering care of the church.

4. *Paulding County Mission, Ohio.* Rev. F. W. Brown, pastor; appropriation, $150. Congregations 3, members 59, baptized members 59, received during year 34; contributions, benevolence $11.50, congregational purposes $666.23; pastor's support $150.

Bro. Brown, by his energetic work and self-sacrificing devovion, has accomplished much during his first year. Two new churches are in course of erection, and another contemplated. When this shall be done, the success of the mission is assured.

5. *Lima, O.* Rev. W. A. Long, pastor; appropriation, $350. Congregations 2, members 35, baptized members 13, received during year 6; contributions, benevolence $4, congregational purposes $245; pastor's support $92.

This mission encounters the usual difficulties to be overcome by city missions, but they have done well. They have purchased and paid for a lot, and have a fair amount towards the building of a house for worship. This they are now erecting, and hope to be able to enter into it this fall. The entire cost of lot and church will be about $2,000. They desire help, and need it, from the church at large in the payment of the building. A little help will encourage them greatly.

6. *Ft. Wayne, Ind.* Rev. T. J. Bacher, pastor; appropriation, $800, less amount raised by congregation. Congregation 1, members 84, baptized members 39, received during ing year 85; contributions, congregational $850; pastor's support $100.

After years of waiting, an English Reformed church in Ft.

Wayne has been established. After several calls extended by the board, Bro. Bacher was at last secured, and he has done well. Few missions can make so good a showing after an existence of only six months. The congregation was organized in April 1883. Bro. Bacher having commenced his service the first of that month. The canvass made by Rev. S. P. Myers, late superintendent, and by several other visiting ministers who went to examine the prospects, had served to arouse a considerable degree of interest in an English Reformed church, so that when a missionary was found to undertake the work, affairs were found in good condition. The energy of the pastor, united to that of the people who were anxious to enter the new church, put the mission at once on what now promises to be a good basis.

7. *Kentland. Ind.* Rev. S. P. Myers, pastor; appropriation, $450. Congregations 2, members 36, received during year 26; contributions, congregational purposes $590; pastor's support $69.

This mission began under the supervision of the present pastor, while superintendent of missions. The congregations both intend having houses of worship before long, and it is believed they will succeed in the undertaking. The pastor expresses himself as pleased with the progress made, and with the future prospects.

8. *Holton, Kans.* Rev. H. Shumaker, pastor; appropriaion, $500. Congregation 1, members 23, baptized members 12, received during year 14; contributions, benevolence $6, congregational $18; pastor's support $57.25.

This mission has bought a lot upon which a small payment has been made, and during this fall the pastor reports it is expected to pay the whole. Then a building will be in order. This must soon be obtained. for the court-house where they now worship it is feared will not be available much longer. The growth is slow, but prospects seem to be brighter now than at any previous period of its existence.

9. *Lyons, Kans.* Rev. A. R. Holshouser, pastor; appropriation, $300. Congregation 1, members 20, baptized members 22; contributions, benevolence $3.75.

A new church is now nearly rea[illegible] [illegible]e of the mission, toward which the church at [illegible] [illegible]ed with com-

mendable willingness. After this enterprise is completed, the pastor intends entering other places with a view towards establishing new congregations.

10. *New Basil, Kans.* Rev. A. Bolliger, pastor; appropriation, $100. Congregation 1, members 73, received during year 7; contributions, benevolence $25, congregational purposes $75; pastor's salary $400.

New Basil is a German mission. Its growth is steady, and in a year or two the pastor confidently thinks it will be self-supporting. The attendance upon public service is growing rapidly, so that additional accommodations had to be provided for the people. Whatever will tend to the well-being of the mission, we feel assured will be done by the pastor, to the extent of his strength.

11. *Wathena, Kans.* Rev. J. F. Graf, pastor; appropriation, $100. Congregation 1, members 102, received during year 7; contributions, benevolence $9, congregational $395; pastors support $300.

This is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Reformed congregations in the State. It was formerly supplied by the pastor at Hiawatha, but that congregation desiring the exclusive services of a minister, Wathena was compelled to secure a pastor. Upon the recommendation of Kansas Classis it was received as a mission. They are doing well, have purchased a parsonage, have increased in members, and intend in a few years to support their pastor alone.

These eleven missions have congregations 18, members 717, baptized members 227, members received during the year 207; contributions, benevolence $190.25, congregational purposes $2,958.23; pastors' support $2,108.25; appropriations $3,450.

Altamont, Ill., and St. Paris, O., are both vacant. From the latter the board never received any report. It was received under our care upon the recommendation of Miami Classis, with the understanding that after the first year the appropriation shall cease. Nothing further having been reported we presume it to be self-supporting.

Altamont has been vacant since March. It ought to have a pastor. Its progress under the former pastor, considering its discouraged condition in which he found it, was good indeed.

The board has not been able to find a successor yet, but we hope soon to do so.

No reports have been received from either Neriah, Mich., or Findlay, Ohio, and unless something soon be received they will be dropped as missions.

Freeport, Ill., has for the present been abandoned. Considerable work has been done in that city, at a fair appropriation, but the results were so small as not to justify the board in continuing the expense.

Inquiry was made by the board in regard to various other points, but because of the difficulty of finding men willing to enter the mission field, no less than the lack of funds, we were restrained from establishing more new missions. But it is evident that there is room for us in many places, and we will gladly enter in if men, and means to support them, be forthcoming. Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Chicago ought to be occupied at once. In Chicago we thought seriously of beginning a work, but through lack of funds we did not attempt it.

The attention of synod is called to the fact that some complaint has arisen because no acknowledgement is made of funds for missions received from congregations and charges. By synod's action last year pastors were instructed to pay to the Treasurers of Classes who should remit to the Treasurer of Board. In this way no public acknowledgment can be made by the Treasurer of Board, since he only can report amount received from Classical Treasurers. Would it not be well for synod to instruct Classical Treasurers to report their receipts in the *Christian World*, giving credit to such congregations as may contribute to this cause?

The receipts have been almost enough to pay appropriations of missionaries. Some times the amount due the pastors was large enough to seriously embarrass them, but it is gratifying to report that almost all are paid at the time of writing this report.

There will be as much needed next year as for the last, and if we shall enlarge our borders, much more must be provided. The attention of synod is called to this point. We would also remind the synod that the term of Revs. T. J. Bacher and C. M. Schaaf expires at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG,

Presid[illegible] of Mission.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account wich the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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October 20, 1882. Cash on hand	$165 53	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer	682 85	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer	519 41	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Treasurer	220 48	
Tuscarawas Classis, Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer	374 18	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer	364 45	
St Joseph Classis, Rev. A. K. Zartman, Treasurer	90 00	
Northern Illinois Classis. Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer	7 00	
Shelby Classis, John Runkel, Treasurer	80 75	
Kansas Classis, Rev. A. Bolliger, Treasurer	19 99	
Rev. S. P. Myers, not reported last year	104 99	
Jacob Thomas' estate, Springfield, O	250 00	
Christmas gift, by a friend	25 00	
Rev. H. Hilbish, Hanover, Pa	25 00	
Rev. G. W. Henning	4 50	
		$2,884 13

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Rev. S. P. Myers	656 29	
Rev. W. A. Long	322 00	
Rev. A. R. Holshouser	286 85	
Rev. H. Shumaker	334 64	
Rev. J. V. Lerch	103 30	
Rev. J. H. Shuford	20 00	
Rev. F. W. Brown	150 00	
Rev. J. R. Skinner	250 00	
Rev. Wm, A. From	55 00	
Rev. A. Bolliger	35 75	
Rev. S. C. Goss	4 85	
Mr. R. Bell	1 90	
Rev. C. M. Schaaf	14 00	
Rev. T. J. Bacher	310 18	
Rev. J. F. Graf	55 00	
Rev. J. M. Kendig	4 00	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	1 50	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	237 50	
Postage, exchange and stationery	15 00	
Cash on hand	26 37	
		$2,884 13

Respectfully submitted

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 10, 1883.

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1882.		
Nov. 6.	To cash from Treasurer of Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	$ 1 98
" "	" cash from Treasurer of Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	4 00
" 7.	" cash from John Runkel, Treasurer Shelby Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	80
" 24.	" cash from Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis, synodical apportionment 1881	11 73
" "	" cash from Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	2 49
" "	" cash from Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	3 80
1883.		
May 7.	" cash from Rev. H. Shumaker, Holton Church, Kansas Classis, synodical appoitionment 1882	36
" 16.	" cash from Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	2 68
" 17.	" cash from Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	5 39
June 20.	" cash from Rev. A. E. Baichly, St. Michael Church, Tiffin Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	1 00
" "	" cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	12 90
Oct. 1.	" cash from Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	5 16
" "	" cash from Rev Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	5 00
" "	" cash from Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	32 48
" "	" cash from John Runkel, Treasurer Shelby Classis, synodical apportionment 1882	3 81
		$93 58

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Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 10, 1883.

1882.		
Oct. 26.	By cash for exchange	$ 25
Nov. 7.	" " " "	15
1883.		
June 5.	By cash to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College	32 83
Aug. 10.	" " to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College	13 00
Oct. 10.	" " to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College	46 55
" "	" " for stationery and postage	80
		$93 58

Respectfully s[illegible]

I[illegible]ER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was received, discussed, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee on Missions would offer the following report:

The documents placed in the hands of your committee were the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Board; also a letter from the pastor of the mission at Lima, Ohio, asking for a contribution of one thousand dollars to aid in building a church in the mission; also the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection.

For particulars with reference to the matters pertaining to the several Boards, the committee would refer to their respective reports. From these reports we learn that the respective missions under the care of the Board are in a flourishing condition, especially the new mission at Ft. Wayne, Ind. The new mission at Kentland, Ind., has proceeded very favorably indeed. The mission work is increasing on every side. The Board under the circumstances is compelled to turn a deaf ear to the many calls made upon them, for want of money and men to go into new fields now inviting them to come and build up our Reformed Zion. Quite a number of prominent places, such as Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, and other calls equally imperative, are made upon them.

A larger degree of missionary zeal and liberality on the part of the church is absolutely necessary if this Board is to do the work properly and efficiently intrusted to them. In view of the facts presented to your committee, the following resolutions are offered for your adoption:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee apportions the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) among the different classes of synod.

Resolved, That we reiterate the action taken at the last sessions, viz: That classes be directed to have their apportionments paid to the Treasurer of the Board promptly—one-half by the first of May, and the remainder by the first of October.

Resolved, That the pastors be kindly urged to keep the matter of missions before their people, and at the same time organize missionary societies in their congregations.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be urged to take possession of the large and important fields presenting themselves at as early a date as possible.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The reports of the President and Treasurer of this Board, and a request for assistance from the pastor of the mission at Lima, Ohio. There has been but little done in this department of the church work. Virtually nothing has been done. The Treasurer of the Board has had but little funds at his disposal, having received during the year only $93.58 on the apportionment of $500.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions for your adoption.

Resolved, That Rev. William A. Long, the pastor of the mission at Lima, Ohio, in his request for aid to the amount of $1,000 for the purpose of erecting a church building in the city of Lima, be respectfully referred to the Board of Church Erection.

Resolved, That we emphasize the action taken last year at Akron, making an apportionment of $500 among the different classes.

Resolved, That we recommend that the report of the Board of Missions and its Treasurer, and the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,
SIMON P. MYERS,
Committee.

On the adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Missions, and as supplementary there to, the following action in regard to Church Erection was adopted by synod:

WHEREAS, There has been considerable work done, and money contributed in indirect and irregular ways for church erection purposes for which the church at large has not received proper credit; and,

WHEREAS, There has been some confusion and disappointment by different persons applying for admission to and coming into the same charge at or near the same time; therefore,

Resolved, That when application[illegible] [illegible]de for help

from the church at large towards the erection of houses of worship in weak congregations or at mission points, that all such applications be submitted to and be made through the Board of Church Erection.

Resolved, That pastors or missionaries, who desire to enter the charges of this synod for the purpose of raising money to help in the erection of houses of worship, are hereby instructed to operate under the direction of the Church Erection Board.

Resolved, That all money that is contributed by congregations within the bounds of this synod for the purpose above specified be either sent through, or reported to the Treasurer. of the Board of Church Erection, who shall take a due obligation, as a loan without interest for a specified time, for the same from the church receiving the money.

Resolved, That the Board of Church Erection be instructed to make earnest efforts to raise a special fund to be known as the Ministers' Church Erection Fund, towards which every minister in synod be asked to contribute, and that an effort be made to start such a fund at this meeting of synod.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. John M. Kendig, *President*, Canfield, Ohio.
Rev. Charles M. Schaaf, *Secretary*, North Lima, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. John M. Kendig. Rev. John J. Leberman.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Dr. Robert Bell.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Edward D. Wettach. Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH-ERECTION.

Rev. Milton F. Frank, *President*, Farmersville, Ohio.
Rev. Henry H. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg, O.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Mewbers whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Richard B. Reichard. Rev. Milton F. Frank.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Shelby Classis, as reported in item 1 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the seasons, asked synod to permit it to retain its missionary money within its own territory. In regard to this request, on motion, the following action was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That this synod cannot comply with the request of Shelby Classis, and would affectionately urge upon said classis to accede to all the apportionments that have been made by the synod.

Resolved, That Shelby Classis be requested to refer and recommend all missionary points within its bounds to the Board of Missions, which will pay proper attention to such recommendations.

Tuscarawas Classis, as reported in item 2 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, asked to be relieved of the payment of the apportionment of $170.70 for church erection. (Minutes 1882, page 38). Respecting this request, it was, on motion.

Resolved, That synod cannot accede to the request of Tuscarawas Classis, and that this classis be urged to comply with the action of synod in regard to said apportionment.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received and considered:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, would submit the following report:

The board held its first meeting immediately after the ad-

journment of the synod at Akron, Ohio, and was organized by the election of the following officers:

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Your board has nothing new to report. The financial condition of the seminary is about the same as it was last year.

The collections for the immediate use of the seminary have been, perhaps, somewhat in advance of the year preceding, yet not sufficient to cover the demands and imperative necessities of the institution. The treasurer has done efficient service. He has written and rewritten letters (about one hundred and twenty-five) during the year, and yet the treasury is empty—with unpaid claims demanding adjustment. Neither the treasurer, nor your board, individually or collectively, have the means to discharge the debts.

The endowment is much too small, and should be increased at least $15,000.

The present available fund is about $22,000, which is not sufficient. In view of this fact the necessity is imperative. Special collections in the churches must be resorted to, however questionable this procedure may be.

Discussion and resolutions are futile and useless, as they are powerless without action. The fact is undisguised. The seminary must be better sustained, or it must be closed, and the church disgraced.

Perhaps a new departure is demanded—a new line of action needed. Certain it is something else than what is now or has been must be done.

The board would suggest the propriety of this synod, authorizing the board to appoint, or rather the synod appoint, some live, energetic man to go out into the church to solicit donations for the fuller endownment of the seminary; $20,000 ought to be realized in a comparatively short time.

Let the experiment to tried. Perhaps some new men in the board would be an advantage. Would it not be well to place on our boards some of our active, intelligent business men from among our laity?

This is a suggestion. Consider it. The brethren of the board have been faithful, but is it not to be presumed that

business men would be more efficient in this work? Ministers, as a rule, are overtaxed with the cares and requirements of their pastorates; are circumscribed in their life and influence; too much engrossed in personal financiering to give their attention to such matters, which larger interests demand. The term of office of the president of your board expires at this session. He would suggest an active layman in his stead. There is earnest, solemn work to be done now. May God raise up the men to do it.

The term of the following brethren expires at the session: Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Rev. H. M. Herman.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 10, 1883.

1882.	DR.	
Oct. 18.	To balance in the Treasury	$ 15 35
" 26.	" Levi Kiester, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	1 50
Dec. 2.	" Geo W Shearer, Dayton, O., Box 789, interest on note.	36 00
" "	" Prof. J. H. Good, Jacob's cong., Tiffin Cl., apportionment 1882.	10 86
" "	" Prof. H. Rust, donation, Tiffin Classis, apportionment 1882.	25 00
" "	" Joseph S. White, Centreville, O., interest on money borrowed.	190 00
" 11.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	20 00
" 19.	" Joseph Shock, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	14 35
" 25.	" Joseph S. White, Centreville, O., interest on money borrowed	110 00
1883.		
Jan. 3.	" Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note in full	1 62
" "	" Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	3 90
" 4.	" S. Royer, Zion's chg., Tiffin Cl., appt. 1882, immediate use	21 00
" 12.	" Rev. John H. Beck, Uniontown chg., appt. 1882, immediate use	7 00
" 23.	" Wm. Rader, Xenia chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882, immediate use	3 90
" 27.	" Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, Ada chg., Tiffin Cl., appt. 1882, im. use	7 90
" 30.	" J. A. Fisher, deceased, per Administrator	6 25
Feb. 10.	" Rev. A. Casselman, Fostoria charge, Tiffin Classis, appt. 1882.	15 00
" "	" Rev. E. D. Wettach, Reedsburg chg., Tuscarawas Cl., appt. 1882	5 80
" 13.	" Joseph Oberlin, Tuscarawas chg., Tuscarawas Cl., appt. 1882	35 00
" "	" Rev. J. J. Leberman, Robertsville cong., E. Ohio Cl., appt. 1882	6 80
March 5.	" Rev. J. J. Leberman, Paris cong., Eastern Ohio Cl., appt. 1882	13 75
" "	" John Shindler, Miami City, O. Union chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882	15 00
" 5.	" Rev. S. Ream, Tremont City charge, Miami Cl., apportionment 1882	18 40
" 13.	" Chas. E. Ankeney, Beaver cong., Xenia chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882.	13 41
" "	" Rev. J. H. Steele, Mohican charge, Miami Cl., appt. 1882	7 00
" "	" Farmers Friend Mfg. Co., interest on money borrowed	108 00
" "	" Farmers Friend Mfg. Co., interest on money borrowed	54 00
	Carried Forward	$ 766 79

	To amount brought forward.	$ 766 79
Mar. 22.	To Rev. E. D. Wettach, Reedsburg chg, Tuscarawas Cl., appt. 1882	4 10
" 26.	" Rev. Dr. Winters, Mt. Zion chg., Miami Classis, appt. 1882	12 00
" 30.	" Rev. J. M. Kendig, Trinity cong., Tuscarawas Cl., appt. 1882	11 00
April 2.	" Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, interest on note	1 50
" 4.	" Rev. E. M. Beck, Marshallville chg, Tuscarawas Cl., appt. 1882	12 00
" 7.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on note	80 00
" "	" Rev. F. C. Witthoff, Springfield charge, E. O. Classis, appt. 1882	4 50
" 10.	" Rev. A. E. Baichly, St. Michael chg., Tiffin Classis, appt. 1882	5 00
" 14.	" Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
" 23.	" Chr. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	30 00
May 1.	" Trustees of Miami Classis, Greenville Church, interest on note	80 50
" 4.	" John Wiest, Freeburg, Pa., interest on note	30 00
" "	" H. Detterman, Green Springs, O., immediate use (per J. H. Good)	10 00
" 7.	" Rev. H. Shumaker, Holton, Kan., Kansas Classis, appt. 1882	1 56
" 11.	" Rev. J. R. Skinner, Somerset and Jerusalem Mis., Lanc. Cl., ap. '82	9 31
" "	" Rev. A. Henry, Canal Winchester chg., Lancaster Cl., appt. 1882	14 54
" "	" Rev. S. F. Hershey, Lancaster chg., Lancaster Cl., appt. 1882	5 00
" "	" Rev. H. H. Sandoe, Union charge, Lancaster Cl., appt. 1882	7 91
" "	" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge, Lancaster Cl., appt. 1882	30 00
" 16.	" Rev. E. R. Williard, Germantown chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882	25 20
" "	" J. H. Grove, Miamisburg charge, Miami Classis, appt. 1882	30 96
" 17.	" Jacob Rust, Dialton, O., interest on note	6 00
" "	" Rev. W. H. Shults, Springboro chg, Miami Cl., appt. 1882	12 60
" "	" Rev. B. F. Tucker, Port Jefferson chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882	13 00
" "	" Rev. D. R. Taylor, Union charge, Miami Classis, appt. 1882	20 00
" "	" Rev. G. H. Souder, Greenville chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882	1 95
" "	" Rev. J. E. Dingledine, N. Madison chg., Miami Cl., appt. 1882	12 35
" "	" Rev. N. W. Bloom, Hill Grove, charge, Mimi Classis, appt. 1782	4 00
" 22.	" Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth chg. Tuscarawas Cl., appt. 1882	25 25
" 25.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	20 00
" 29.	" Rev, J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana chg., E. O. Cl., appt 1882	5 27
" 31.	" Albert H Bruennert, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	60 00
June 4.	" Rev. W. A. Long, Lima charge, Tiffin Classis, apportionment 1882	4 00
" 20.	" Rev. J. Ihle, Zion charge, Tiffin Classis, apportionment 1882	5 00
" "	" Rev. A. E. Baichly, St. Michael charge, Tiffin Classis, appt. 1882	2 00
" "	" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, appt. 1882	20 21
" "	" S. P. & S. W. Crist, Admrs. Estates of Saml. Crist, deceased, int.	6 00
July 10.	" Mrs E. R. Leiter, interest on bond of Rev. S. B. Leiter, deceased	6 00
" 14.	" Wm. Rader, Xenia charge, per Treasurer Miami Classis, appt. 1882	6 41
" 17.	" Thos. L. Prugh, Dean, O., interest on note	3 00
Aug. 22.	" Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, Salem Church, Tr., Tiffin Cl., appt. 1882	4 80
" "	" Rev. N. H. Loose, Bellevue charge, Treasurer, Tiffin Cl., appt. 1882	23 50
" "	" Rev. S. Shaw, Bloomville charge, Treasurer, Tiffin Cl., appt. 1882	10 00
Sept. 5.	" Saml. K. Epler, La Salle, Mich., interest on note	5 80
" 7.	" Jacob Swope, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	1 50
" 25.	" Joseph Slough, Delaware, O., interest on note	6 00
" 27.	" L. H. Diehl, Summum, Ill., interest on note	7 00
Oct 1.	" Rev. M. Loucks, Valley charge, Tr., Miamis Cl., syn. appt. 1982	4 77
" "	" Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer Tiffin Classis/syn. appt. 1882	2 00
" 5.	" Farmers Friend Mfg. Co., interest on money borrowed	108 00
" "	" Farmers Friend Mfg. Co., interest on money borrowed	54 00
" 10.	" Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia chg., Tr., Miami Cl., syn. appt. 1882	23 08
" "	" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil chg., Tr. Lancaster Cl., syn. appt. 1882	25 35
" "	" Rev. A. Casselman, Thornville chg., Tr., Lancaster Cl., syn. appt. '82	32 30
" "	" Rev. J. R. Skinner Jer. and Mt Zwingli chg Tr Lan Cl syn appt '82	7 64
" "	" Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, W. Alex. chg., Tr., Miami Cl., syn. appt. '83	48 66
		$1,770 81

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 10, 1883.

CR.

Paid Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary	$ 876 96
Paid Prof. H. Rust, D. D., on salary	875 77
Paid for recording mortgage of Joseph Schock	1 00
Paid for 100 catalogues of Heidelberg College and Seminary, 1883.	10 00
Paid for exchange of draft	40
Paid for stationery and postage during the year	6 68
	$1,770 81

ENDOWMENT FUND.

DR.

1882.		
Oct. 18.	To balance in the Treasury	$ 644 07
Dec. 19.	" cash on note of Joseph Schock, Miamissurg, O.	200 00
1883.		
Jan. 3.	" " " " " Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove Ill.	50 00
" 30.	" " " " " J. A. Fisher, Canal Fulton, O	25 00
May 1.	" " " " " Trustees of Miami Classis for Greenville Church.	41 19
" 16.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	30 60
" 17.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	73 39
June 20.	" " " " " Samuel Crist, deceased, in full, per Adm.	100 00
July 10.	" " " " " Rev. Dr. S. B. Leiter, deceased, per Mrs. Leiter.	100 00
Aug. 18.	" " " " " Trustees of Miami Classis for Greenville Church.	32 07
" 29.	" " " " " " " " " " " "	16 29
Sept. 5.	" " " " " Samuel K. Epler, La Salle, Mich.	4 20
" 27.	" " " " " L. H. Diehl, Summum, Ill.	100 00
		$1,419 81

FUNDS INVESTED.

CR.

1882.		
Dec. 19.	By loan to Joseph Schock on mortgage security	$ 600 00
1883.		
Oct. 10.	By balance in the Treasury	819 81
		$1,419 81

The condition of the Treasury has not improved during the past synodical year, notwithstanding the earnest efforts of the Treasurer to stir up delinquents and to collect out-standing interest. The main cause of deficiency rests with the classes; for only about one-forth of the amount (2,500) apportioned by synod in 1882 among the classes for "immediate use" has been paid into the treasury, and hence the salary of the professors could not be met by the Treasurer. Had payment been made with any degree of promptness, all arrearages could have been cancelled. As accounts stand, for the year ending October 1st, 1883, there is due and owing a balance to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., of $985.58, and to Prof. H. Rust D. D., $984.81, making a total of $1,970.39. Here is a soelmn obligation, unfulfilled, resting upon the synod, the classes and the church; and full payment should be made without hesitation or delay.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education respectfully submit the following as their annual report:

During the year the board held two meetings, and its Executive Committee met as often as circumstances required. Rev. R. Good was re-elected President, and Rev. L. H. Kefauver continued as Secretary and Treasurer.

I. EDUCATION.

The number of beneficiary students has been increased largely over that of last year, there being now, under the care of the board, fourteen. Those receiving support are Messrs. Jacob P. Stahl, Geo. E. Metger, William H. Tussing, Francis M. Shults, George W. Dornbach, Frederick Mayer, Adolph J. Meyer, Alfred G. Berkey, David Winter, Martin L. Fox, Nero F. Peters, Luther P. Gross, William A. Bodell, and Henry S. Bailey. These young men are pursuing their studies in the Theological Seminary and College with commendable zeal. Three of them will finish their theological course next May. The board was enabled to cancel its indebtedness, and if the annual apportionment of $2,000 be raised by the different classes, its demands of the present year will be met, notwithstanding the increased number of beneficiary students.

II. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The professors of this institution are endeavoring to make it rank in its efficiency with similar institutions of the country. In this they are successful as far as the limited means furnished them give them power. There are now thirteen students in the seminary, eight of whom are in the senior, and five in the junior class, the latter number having been received at the beginning of the present term. This year has commenced under favorable auspices, and should no unforeseen adversity befall the professors and students, it is but reasonable to expect that a good class will graduate at its close. As the demand for ministers is to be met principally by our seminary, active measures should be taken to increase the number of its students. The board would, therefore, recommend that, in view of the church's need of more ministers, both East and West, the pastors of the various charges throughout the synod be requested to preach sermons upon this subject.

The following vacancies in the board occur at this synod, to which we call the attention of the Standing Committee on Nominations: Revs. John I. Swander, Orange E. Lake, Silas B. Mase, and Geo. W. Williard, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.* REUBEN GOOD, *President.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod.*

DR.

Balance in treasury, October, 18, 1882	$ 140 53
MIAMI CLASSIS.	
To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer	157 90
LANCASTER CLASSIS.	
" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer	320 96
TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.	
" " " Hon. T. W Chapman, Treasurer	210 00
EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.	
" " " Rev. J. Huston Bomberger, Treasurer	50 50
TIFFIN CLASSIS.	
" " " different charges	40 72
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.	
" " " Rev. D. Lantz, Forreston	10 00
" " " Woman's Missionary Society, Orangeville	5 00
SHELBY CLASSIS.	
" " " Elder John Runkel, Treasurer	38 06
KANSAS CLASSIS.	
" " " Holton ch'g per Rev, H. Shumaker	1 32
ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.	
" " " Rev. A. K. Zartman, Treasurer	100 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
" " " Upper Sandusky ch'g per Rev. E. D. Miller	16 30
" Christmas-gift from a friend per Dr. G. W. Williard	25 00
" money refunded from Prof. J. Calvin Shumaker	10 00
" interest on Carson bequest per Dr. G. W. Williard	15 00
" " on Miss Sarah Brinker bequest	89 89
" " " Miss Sarah A. Hivling bequest	84 00
	$1,315 18

CR.

Paid to beneficiary students since October 18th, 1882	800 47	
" note held by Dr. G. W. Willlard, principle and interest	283 00	
" interest on temporary loan	3 33	
" for postage, paper and collecting draft	1 36	
" permament fund	14	
By cash on hand October 10th, 1883	226 88	
		$1,315 18

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker	805 00	
" " " S. A. Hivling	1,000 00	
Interest from Brinker bequest since October 18th, 1882	89 89	
" " Hivling " " " " "	84 00	
		$1,978 89

CR.

Note given by Rev. M. Mueller, secured by first mortgage	800 00	
Certificates of twenty shares of Columbus & Xenia R. R. stock	1,000 00	
By cash paid contingent fund	173 89	
" " on hand October 10th, 1883	5 00	
		$1,978 89

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER *Treasurer*,

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary submit the following report:

Reports from the Board of Education, Treasurer of the Board of Education, Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, came into our possession. These reports have been examined, and we recommend them for adoption.

The reports of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Education speak encouragingly of the work intrusted to them. The number of students has been increased. The board was also enabled to cancel all its indebtedness during the year. Fourteen young men are receiving moral and financial support from the board.

These young men are commended by the reports for their zeal and diligence in prosecuting their studies. The facts

gleaned from the reports are very encouraging, and should stimulate all of us to renew our efforts in the interest and support of the educational work during the year before us. It is centainly a matter of devout gratitude unto Almighty God that all the promises to the young men under the care of the board have been met.

Your committee would recommend that an apportionment of $2,200 be made among the classes for the use of the board during the year before us. The liberality of our congregations in the past, in behalf of the beneficiary cause, will justify us to ask for increase of liberality.

The reports of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary are not very encouraging. The finances of the same are in a bad shape. Whilst the report of the president speaks of a slight increase in the amounts collected for liquidation of indebtedness, there is no sign of improvement on the past. The officers and members of the board did all that could be reasonably expected from them to awaken more interest and zeal among pastors and their congregations to come up to the full measure of their privileges, but their efforts have failed. It is evident from the clear statement given of the financial condition of the board that we are approaching a crisis, unless positive work be immediately done that will retard the work of our Zion seriously, and will bring great reproach upon us as pastors and congregations.

The necessity of immediate and vigorous action to lift the seminary out of its financial embarrassment is so self-apparent, if we wish to go forward in our educational work, that it requires no more on our part than to make this statement. The deficiencies must be met. It is an imperative duty, and measures should be taken by this synod to increase the endowment fund of the seminary, until the income from the same is sufficient to meet all the financial obligations of the board. The deficits reported to be as great at the end of this fiscal year as it was at the end of the year preceding.

Your committee propose the following action:

Resolved, That the pastors and congregations that have not paid their apportionments made at the synod at Akron for the immediate use of the seminary, be requested to pay as soon as possible their respective [illegible] e treasurer.

Resolved, That a new apportionment of $1,000 be made to meet deficits for the year before us; and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to apportion this amount among the classes for the immediate use of the seminary.

Resolved, That the professors of the Theological Seminary be earnestly urged to visit our congregations, and assist the pastors to secure the funds for the immediate use, and the permanent endowment of the seminary.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this synod that the practice of the theological professors, in serving as regular supplies in congregations in the vicinity, is detrimental to the welfare of the seminary, and that they, therefore, be requested to discontinue such pastoral work, and devote their entire time to the interests of the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN.
JOHN J. LEBERMAN.
DANIEL R. TAYLOR.
JOHN R. SKINNER,
GEORGE HOLMAN.
JACOB OBERLIN.
Committee.

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, O.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D.

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2. *Board of Education.*

Rev. Reuben Good, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., *Sec.* and *Treas.* Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.
Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. Reuben Good.
Rev. David Winters, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.
Rev. Amos Casselman.
Rev. Austin Henry.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Orange E. Lake.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.
Rev. Silas B. Mase.
Rev. John J. Leberman.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 7 that the Stated Clerk was instructed to give notice to the presidents of the classes in regard to the synod's apportionment of the indebtedness of the seminary. Thereupon the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that on the 4th of November, 1882, being within twelves days after the final adjournment of synod at Akron, I notified all the presidents of the several classes of the action of synod, respecting the apportionment of $2,500 among the classes for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary, and urged them to bring the matter before the pastors in their respective classes at as early a date as possible, with the view of affording an opportunity to the congregations to contribute for the object designated.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish the professors of the Theological Seminary with the action of synod contained in the third and fourth resolutions of the report of the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees in making its annual report to the Synod of Ohio would first of all express its gratitude for the patronage and co-operation it has received during its past history. Heidelberg College, like all other institutions, has had its trials and discouragements, but has been able to surmount them all by the generous support and sympathy it has received during the thirty-three years of its existence, and has now reached a position along by the side of the other colleges of the land of which its friends may be proud. The work it has done for the cause of education, besides filling the ranks of the ministry in the Reformed Church in the West with men well qualified for their high and holy calling is not only great, but is a sure guaranty of what it may be expected to do in the future. That it may be even more efficient than it has been in the past, the board would ask the continued co-operation and support of the synod, trusting that it may ever prove itself worthy of the patronage given.

The attendance at the college during the last year, although not quite as large as in the preceding year, was, nevertheless, encouraging under the circumstances, being 143, of which number 69 were in the college proper, and 74 in the academy. The chief cause of the decrease may be attributed to the large number of institutions that have sprung up around Tiffin, which have had the effect of dividing the local patronage.

The class that was graduated in June last, twenty-two in number, is the largest in the history of the college, which may be regarded as a good proof of the favor in which the institution stands with the people. The conduct of the students has been such as to command the respect of the faculty and community in general.

The board would suggest the importance of renewed and special efforts to increase the number of students in our college. As it is, the number is entirely too small for the territory and membership comprehended in the bounds of the

Synod of Ohio, which enrolls about 20,000 members. With a membership like this, and the wealth of our people generally, there ought to be not less than 200 students in actual attendance. Thus far there have been but few ladies, a result to be regretted, as it seems to indicate a want of interest in female education. With the teaching force and accommodations we now have, we can readily provide for and attend to double the number of students we have. An earnest and united effort on the part of all the friends of the college ought doubtless to increase the number of students, and in this way add to the usefulness of the college.

There are probably 1,200 scholarships in the different parts of the church affording free tuition to the children of those who have been generous enough to purchase them, more of which ought to be in use. It might be well if those who own these scholarships would make special efforts to get some one to go upon them, and in this way make them contribute to the purpose of education; $300 will purchase a perpetual scholarship, and $50 a family scholarship of four years free tuition to any of the descendants of the donor.

There are now three courses of study laid down in the curriculum, the classical, the scientific, and the ladies course, the two latter having recently been made four years, so that all three are now of equal length, as is the case in most of the other colleges of the State.

For two years past but little has been done for the increase of the endowment, as the efforts of the agent and president of the college have been turned chiefly in the direction of the new building, which has been felt to be of such urgent necessity that every other interest has yielded to it for the present. This should not continue, as the present endowment is too small to meet the current expenses of the college, which are now about $6,700, including the salary of six full professors, and other incidential matters.

The present endowment—including what has been paid in and is at the control of the board, which is about $55,000, what is not paid, but is interest bearing which is in notes from $50 to $300, and what is made payable at the death of the donors—is about $100,000, the largest part of which has been secured by the sale of scholarships. As only about $75,000 of this is interest bearing, and as this is the chief source from

which the revenue of the college is obtained, the most of the students being on scholarships, it is easy to see that the college must be cramped in its finances, and have difficulty to meet its obligations.

According to the report of the treasurer, the contingent fund was in debt about $2,000 at the close of the last collegiate year in June. Different causes have contributed to this indebtedness, the chief of which are the increase of the teaching force in the college, there being now six full professors, increasing the expense about $500 annually, a decrease in the rate of interest, and the failure of certain parties to pay their interest, among whom the Synod of Ohio is the greatest debtor. The board would most respectfully ask of the synod the immediate payment of its indebtedness, which amounted in August last to over $1,100 interest on the loan that was made some years ago for the relief of the Hamilton Church, and assumed by the synod in the year 1875, being more than half the indebtedness of the board. If this amount will be paid during the present year, the board will then, by the special measures it has adopted, be able to meet its liabilities, and pay the salaries of the professors promptly as they become due. It is certainly a matter of regret that the board should be unable to meet its obligations in consequence of the indebtedness of the synod. The board would also suggest that other and more definite provisions be made for the payment of this debt than a reference to the classes, as this has been done for at least five years past with the most unsatisfactory results.

The board also regrets being under the necessity of reporting that the new college building, of which it spoke in former reports, has not yet been begun, as the way did not seem sufficiently clear for a forward movement, the funds not having been provived. A building that would cost less than $40,000 would hardly satisfy the friends of the college and meet its wants. This amount not having been guaranteed, it has been thought best to make haste slowly.

The amount of funds secured thus far for the new building is about $10,000 from the city of Tiffin and vicinity, and about $20,000 from the church at large. The board seeing the necessity of the new building, and wishing to meet the expectations of the church, convened in special session in the early

part of last spring, and resolved, after much deliberation, to go forward with the work, assurances having been given by members from the city of Tiffin that $15,000 could be secured. A Building Committee was appointed, and all seemed to look hopeful. The above amount, however not having been raised, the committee hesitated to begin, as several of the largest contributors from the church had said they would not pay their subscriptions if the $15,000 were not raised by the city of Tiffin. The board at its annual meeting in June, again resolved to go forward, urging the committee from Tiffin to complete the work of raising the necessary funds at an early day, and instructed the Building Committee to secure plans and specifications, so that the work may be begun in the early spring. The committee met, and employed Messrs. Peters &Burns, architects, of Dayton, to get up the necessary plans and specifications, who have so far completed their work as to be able to lay certain drafts before the committee for their inspection during the sessions of this synod. The committee still feel embarrassed, not knowing what is best to be done, as the $15,000 expected from the city of Tiffin are as yet only secured in part, there being only about $10,000 in *bona fide* subscriptions. The $25,000 expected from the church at large being so nearly secured no fears need be entertained in reference to it, as certain parties have stood prepared for a year past to guarantee the entire amount, provided the $15,000 from Tiffin be made equally sure, which, being done, the way would be prepared to go forward at once with the enterprise, and complete it at an early day.

The board having been impressed with the unsightliness of the old college building, appointed a committee at its late meeting to make certain repairs which are now done, giving it a fresh and new appearance to the joy and satisfaction of all concerned.

The board gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $500 from the administrator of the estate of Jacob Thomas, deceased, of Springfield, O., being the amount bequeathed by him to Heidelberg College of which the synod should take proper notice in the hope that others may be encouraged to do likewise.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the board.

GEO. W. WILLIARD.
Pres. Heid. Col.

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

Over twenty-six years ago I entered upon the agency, and I am glad to say that I have had good health during the past year. I visited many parsonages, and among these I found a hearty welcome by a large number of Heidelbergers, both East and West, who were glad to meet the "Fisherman." Then I visited quite a number of charges that had been canvassed before. Notwithstanding this, I received quite a number of $300 subscriptions, one was a double one, or $600.

However, much of my work during the year, like in the few past years, might be called gleaning. For it must be remembered that Dr. Williard, the president of the college, as well as the agent, has canvassed nearly every charge in part.

My efforts this year again were mainly directed to soliciting funds for the new building. Then I was also engaged in hunting up delinquents, and besides wrote many letters. I would be glad (and so would the board) if these brethren who know themselve indebted would only pay up the interest due on their notes.

Total amount of the subscriptions and notes, including "New Series" obtained for the new building, is $11,234.

I traveled during this year 4,025 miles. Total miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, ninety-seven thousand five hundred and ninety-one miles, (97,591).

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The following is my financial report for the year ending October 10th, 1883:

HENRY LEONARD, *Financial Agent, in account with Heidelberg College.*

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Subscriptions received for general building fund, and "brick" from No. 1,448, to 1,796		$1,871 00
In notes "New Series." from No. 44 to 61		2,950 00
		$4,821 00
Proceeds of lectures during the year	$ 94 71	
" old crumbs	11 00	
		$ 105 71
		$4,926 71
Collections of old interest and principle		1,179 00
Total receipts		$6,105 71

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Paid out for traveling expenses	$ 89 80	
Postage and stationery	29 12	
Amount of notes, "New Series," handed over	2,950 00	
Amount of subscriptions for general building and "brick" on hand	1,871 00	
Old collections handed over to Dr. Williard	1,179 00	
		$6,118 92
Balance due the agent		$13 21

Received payment from Rev. Dr. Williard.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

WEST ALEXANDRIA, October 10, 1883

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEIDELDERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with that of the Board and Financial Agent, adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee respectfully reports the reception of the report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, together with that of the Financial Agent, Henry Leonard. From these reports we learn that the agent has been prosecuting his work with reasonable encouragement, devoting his time principally to the raising of funds for the new building, and hunting up delinquents.

The board reports about the usual attendance of students, whose moral character and studious habits are reported as being commendable. The board rejoices in the reception of a bequest of $500 from the estate of Jacob Thomas, deceased, of Springfield, Ohio; but deplores the fact that owing to the neglect of synod to pay promptly the interest due on money borrowed from the college. The reduction of the rate of interest, and the the creating of an additional professorship, make the income insufficient to meet the expenditures.

The demand for a new building has increased the labor and absorbed much of the time of the president of the college, as well as that of the financial agent, and they had hoped to be able to report the new building far under headway at this time, but they are sorry to report to synod their disappointment. The board also states that it has been hampered in its efforts to erect a new building by the inaction and want of definite

assurance from the city of Tiffin. At the synod in Miamisburg (1881) the board reported that a tacit understanding existed between it and the city to the effect that a new building should be erected costing $40,000. The synod confirmed this arrangement, and instructed the board to go forward in making all arrangements for the erection of said building. At the meeting of synod at Akron (1882) the board reported that assurance had been given by Tiffin that $15,000 would be raised at once, upon which the board was instructed to go forward.

The board met, and resolved to go forward, by the appointment of the necessary committees, and instructed the Building Committee to employ an architect and secure plans; but sad to relate that Tiffin, when all was in readiness, reported only $10,000 of the $15,000. The board now found itself tied, unable to move either backward or forward, and this continues to be the condition of the board. In view of which, your committee respectfully submits the following action:

WHEREAS, The city of Tiffin, after having given repeated assurance that it would raise the sum of $15,000 towards the erection of the proposed new college building, has failed to comply with its promises; and,

WHEREAS, The board has resolved, on the strength of promises, to go forward; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this synod, in reference to the new college building at Tiffin, Ohio, that the Board of Trustees of the college should not go forward with the erection of the building until there is a sufficient guarantee of the sum of $40,000 for said building, but that, as soon as this amount is guaranteed, the board shall at once begin the work.

Resolved, That this synod, in behalf of its membership, hereby pledges $25,000 of this $40,000 for the new college building, to be contributed outside of Tiffin and vicinity.

Resolved, That it is the desire of this synod that our educational institutions should remain at Tiffin, Ohio, so far as we have any preference as to location.

Resolved, That the indebtedness of synod to Heidelberg

College amounting to $1,800, unprovided for, be apportioned among the different classes of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH G. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President* Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *Secretary*, Bellevue, Ohio,
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Hon. Thos. W. Chapman.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Upton F. Cramer, Esq.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq,	Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Mr. Robert Bell.
Rev. John Vogt, D. D.	John Weimer, M. D.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.	Hon. Warren P. Noble.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.	Mr. John Hilbish.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.	Rev. David Winters, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker.	Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Rev. William A. Hale.	Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.
Rev. John J. Leberman.	Dr. J. Philip Shilling.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

1. *St. Paul's Orphans' Home.*

During the morning session on Thursday, the Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 5 that a communication had been received from the Board of Managers of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., calling attention to the claims of said home. Thereupon, by invitation and permission of synod, Rev. Peter C. Prugh, the Superintendent, addressed the synod, and gave a statement of the working

and wants of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home. The communication and statement were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John L. Bretz, William A. Long, and William H. Shults.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to deliberate on the claims and appeal of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., ask leave to offer the following report:

The only paper placed in the hands of the committee is a communication from the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, presenting the claims of the home to the sympathy of this body. While they tender you their sincere thanks for past support, they would, again, earnestly commend to you their cause; and they also ask you to send them your destitute orphan children to their charitable care and Christian training.

Furthermore, the superintendent, Rev. P. C. Prugh, presented its claims, and solicited your patronage of the institution in a touching address before this body. Therefore, in behalf of these earnest requests, the committee offers the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we express our hearty approbation of Rev. P. C. Prugh as superintendent, and pledge to him our cordial sympathy and support in his efficient labors with the destitute orphans.

Resolved, That we accept of the invitation of the board, and would hereby recommend to all our congregations to intrust to the care of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home their little destitute orphan children.

Resolved, That synod requests ministers and superintendents of Sunday-schools to present the special appeal of the board to their congregations and schools, and that they take up contributions for the St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BRETZ, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Board of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod would submit their eighth annual report:

It is with feelings of deepest regret that your board offers this report. Regret because of the indifference manifested on the part of the ministers of this synod in this important interest of the church. Indifferent is a mild term. It seems as though contempt towards the synod would come nearer expressing the truth. Synod after synod has called attention to this matter; indeed last year synod emphasized the matter, and ordered the Stated Clerk to have a form for statistical tables printed and distributed to the stated clerks of each classis within our bounds. This was done in the early part of the year. No doubt every pastor received a blank. Also Classical Conventions were held, or required to be held in every classis. It is presumed that this was done, at least a number of notices of such conventions were given in the *Christian World.*

Now, strange as it may seem, but two classes reported. St. Joseph Classis and the Southern Division of Miami reported.

Now, from the data at hand, it is simply impossible for your board to render a report, or even venture a conjecture as to the condition of the Sunday-school work within our bounds. It is truly humiliating that such things should exist. The expressed desire of the Synod at Akron, as found on page sixty-one, has been entirely disregarded.

In view of the facts before us, your board is led to the conclusion that this synod does not need, or does not want a Sunday-school Board. Or it may indicate the sad fact that the Reformed Church within the bounds of synod, at least has lost all interest in this blessed adjunct of the church's work. It is to be most ardently hoped that the latter is not the case.

To test the matter, and at the same time to place ourselves in the true light before the church, the board would offer the following suggestions:

1. That synod abolish the board now known as the Sunday-school Board of the Synod of Ohio.

2. That the provisions made by the synod at Akron, O., that one evening of each meeting of synod be set apart to the interest of the Sunday-school, be left to the judgment of the pastor *loci.*

Members whose term expires at this synod, are Rev. H. M. Herman and Rev. R. B. Reichard.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation submitted their report, which was received, and, together with that of the Board, adopted:

The only paper coming to your committee is the Report of the Board of Sunday-schools. From this your committee learns that the instructions given by the Akron Synod, as well as synods preceding that, are generally ignored. No statistical report has reached the board, excepting from two classes. This demonstrates that, however efficient our Sabbath-school work is, there is no disposition on the part of the workers to report it.

Our report is, therefore, necessarily brief. So far as our knoweledge extends our Sabbath-school literature, furnished by the Reformed Publishing Co., at Dayton, Ohio, gives most general satisfaction, and it is hereby most cordially commended to the different schools within our borders.

Your committee would reiterate the action of the Akron Synod, viz:

That to more fully secure reports from the different schools, the Stated Clerk of Synod be authorized to procure blanks, according to Synod's form, and send to all stated clerks of classes, to be distributed to each pastoral charge.*

We also most earnestly commend the use of the catechism

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*NOTE.—As the Stated Clerk of Synod had fully discharged the duty assigned him by the synod at Akron, by furnishing the required blanks to the several Stated Clerks of classes in sufficient quantity to last at lesst *five* years, this instruction in a modified form should have been given to the Stated Clerks of classes and to the pastors, to see to it that these blanks be so distributed and used as to secure the desired facts. It was perhaps an oversight on the part of the committee or the synod, that some such action was not adopted. See report on page 53. *Stated Clerk.*

by all the pastors, either in the Sunday-school or at some after hour, so as to secure the best possible results.

Respectfully submitted

S. B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *President*, Germantown, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg. Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. George H. Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

During the morning session of the second day of the sessions, the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes reported in item 8 that the Stated Clerk was authorized to procure *blank forms* for Sunday-school statistics. Whereupon the following report was received and adopted:

I would report that, according to the instructions of synod, I had 1,500 copies of the proposed blanks for Sunday-schools printed in the early part of July (1883), and sent them in proper proportion to the stated clerks of the several classes, to be distributed to each pastoral charge, with the view of obtaining full and complete reports of the results of Sunday-school work within the bounds of the Ohio Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, O.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

OHIO DIVORCE REFORM LEAGUE.

The classes of Eastern Ohio, Miami and Tiffin, as reported in item 4 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on the last day of the sessions, overtured the synod to co-operate in the formation of "The Ohio Divorce Reform League." This item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod acquiesces in the request, and hereby appoints a committee of three to report on the subject of the contemplated divorce reform to the next synod.

The committee appointed consists of Revs. J. Huston Bomberger, Samuel B. Yockey and Sebastain C. Goss.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, reported in item 8 that Iowa Classis asked to be released from all of synod's apportionments, and that no further apportionments be made upon it: and in item 9 that Northern Illinois Classis asked to be released from the payment of all apportionments of synod, except that of the contingent fund. In regard to these requests the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That synod cannot accede to the requests of the Iowa and Northern Illinois Classes, and that they are hereby requested to acquiesce in the action of synod on the subjects referred to.

Iowa Classis, as reported in item 5 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, requested to be dismissed for the purpose of forming a new synod. With respect to this request, the following action was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That Iowa Classis is respectfully referred to synod's former action on this subject. (See Minutes of Synod in 1875, page 47; in 1876, page 75; and in 1880, page 67.)

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received and considered:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication would beg leave to offer the following report:

A regular meeting of the Board of Publication was held in the office of the *Christian World* at Dayton, O., February 5, 1883. All the members were present.

The following officers were elected to serve for one year: *President*, Rev. S. B. Yockey; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Rev. H. M. Herman.

The board instructed Rev. W. A. Hale to secure a seal for the use of the board, this being regarded as a necessity in a legal point of view.

A communication was received from John H. Thomas, Esq., of Springfield, O., advising the Board of the fact that his father, Jacob Thomas, deceased, had set apart in his will Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars as a legacy to the Board of Publication. Said money to be used by said board in publishing books, papers, etc., for the use of the Reformed Church.

The Board of Publication adopted the following resolutions with reference to the above matter:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church appreciate the kindness of the heirs of Mr. Jacob Thomas, of Springfield, O., manifested in their desire to carry out the design of their father's will, though not legally under obligation to do so. (The will was made within a year of his death, which fact renders all charitable bequests void.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the board be required to give bond with approved security for five hundred dollars.

The above action was communicated to said John H. Thomas, Esq., but as yet nothing further has been heard from the parties.

It would be well that synod at the present meeting take such steps as are necessary, looking toward the incorporation of its Board of Publication. As it is now, the board cannot receive, hold or invest any property whatever. It is for this reason too that the legacy above referred to has not come into the possession of your board.

It affords the board great pleasure to report the affairs of the Reformed Publishing Company at Dayton, O., to be in a most gratifying condition.

The new editors, Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D., and Rev. Michael Loucks, have proved themselves to be the right men in the right place. The *Christian World* is now what the synod long desired it to be, viz: a first-class church paper. This is not said in the spirit of fault-finding with those brethren who conducted the publication interests in the past, but to show that our publishing interests have kept true to the law of development; that law demanding the present to be an improvement over all that preceded. The number of subscribers to the *Christian World* has increased about 25 per cent. during the year. The past year two new papers were issued, viz: *Golden Words* and *Little Pearls.* These publications have met a warm welcome from the Sunday-schools of the church.

The work done by the printing house under the efficient superintendency of Mr. John Blum cannot be too highly complimented. The firm has published "The Treasury of Family Reading," edited by Rev. Dr. Williard, and other publications of smaller dimensions; all this work will compare very favorably with the work done in the largest publishing houses of the country. It is to be hoped that the church will appreciate the efforts of these brethren, and manifest this appreciation in a tangible way by securing a larger number of subscribers to the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school publications. The prices of these are as low now as the best class of a similar character in our country.

The board would call attention to the fact that the term of the following members of the Board expires at this meeting of synod, viz: Rev. Solomon Ream, and Elder George F. Wentz.

The board congratulates the synod on the successful and efficient labors of the past year on the part of both editors and publishers, and would most heartily commend their work to the confidence of the church, and would urge renewed efforts on the part of the church to extend the circulation of the periodicals of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee would ask leave to present the following as their report:

The only document presented to us is the report of the Board of Publication. From this report we gather that the publication interests of the synod are in a most encouraging and prosperous condition. There has been a sure and steady advance upon the past. The *Christian World* has been gradually increasing in its number of subscribers, and in favor with the church. The Sunday-school periodicals, also published by the Reformed Publishing Company, are securing a more extended circulation throughout the church, and are coming to be more highly appreciated as they are justly deserving of.

The board also reports that they have been officially notified that a bequest of $250 has been made to them to be used in the publication interests of the synod. The board suggests that in view of the fact that it is not an incorporated body, and cannot, therefore, legally come into possession and use of this bequest or any similar donation, that this synod, therefore take steps to have the Board of Publication of the Synod of Ohio incorporated. We submit in reference to this the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be directed to take

the necessary steps to become an incorporate body according to law.

Resolved. That the treasurer of said board be required to give bond to the sum of $500.

In reference to the *Christian World* and Sunday-school publications, we offer the following:

Resolved, That we most heartily recommend the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school publications of the Reformed Publishing Company to the increased patronage and confidence of our churches and Sunday-schools.

Resolved, That we are highly pleased and well satisfied with the editorial management of the Reformed Publishing Company.

We recommended the adoption of the report of the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. REICHARD, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Mewbers whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. William A. Hale. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker.

On motion, in regard to printing the Minutes, it was,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distributed among those entitled to recieve them.

IV. INCORPORATION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, October 12th, (1883), the synod, with respect to the creation and incorporation of the Board of Publication, adopted the following action:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States hereby decides to create a Board of Trustees, who shall hold, manage and apply its publication fund in trust for the synod.

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk of synod are instructed to fulfill all needful requirements to secure Articles of Incorporation for said Board in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, (as hereinafter embodied in these minutes.)

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Synod for the amount of expenses that may occur in regard to said incorporation.

A certified copy of the proceedings of the Ohio Synod respecting said incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, (on the 17th of November, 1883, and Recorded in Volume 28, Pages 405 ect., of the Records of Incorporation, and on the 21st of said month and year,) and an official transcript thereof was obtained from said Secretary of State, which is here embodied in the Minutes as the

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Hon. James W. Newman, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio.

DEAR SIR:

It is hereby certified that the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, for the purpose of creating a Board of Trustees of the publication fund of said synod, during the annual meeting of said Synod at West Alexandria, Ohio, on the 12th day of October, A. D., 1883, adopted the following action as Articles of Incorporation for said Board, namely:

1. That the name and title of said Board of Trustees shall be "The Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

2. That the following persons were duly elected as the Trustees of said publication fund, namely: Isaac H. Reiter and Joseph G. Sh[illegible] to serve three years; William A. Hale

and Andrew H. Baughman to serve two years; and Samuel B. Yockey and Henry M. Herman to serve one year; all of whom are members of said Synod, and three-fifth of whom are resident freeholders of the State of Ohio. The said Synod shall at each annual meeting elect hereafter two Trustees, who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are elected.

3. That all moneys belonging to said fund, or that may be obtained by gift, collection, bequest or otherwise, shall be managed by the said Board of Publication in trust for said Synod.

4. That the character of said publication fund is an endowment fund of said Synod, the income or proceeds of which shall be used for the publication of books, papers, tracts, and general religious literature.

WILLIAM A. HALE, [SEAL]
President of the said Ohio Synod.

[SEAL]

ISAAC H. REITER, [SEAL]
Stated Clerk of the said Ohio Synod.

THE STATE OF OHIO, }
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, } *ss.*

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, William A. Hale, President, and Isaac H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing certificate and statement to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed, this fourteenth day of November, 1883.

HARRY H. PRUGH,
Notary Public in and for Montgomery County. Ohio.

[SEAL]

THE STATE OF OHIO, }
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, } *ss.*

I, Oren Britt Brown, Clerk of the Common Pleas Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that Harry H. Prugh, before whom the foregoing instrument hereto attached was acknowledged, was at the time of signing the same and now is an acting Notary Public in and for said County duly commissioned and qualified, that full faith and credit are due to all

his official acts, that his signature thereto written is genuine; and that said instrument is executed according to the requirments of the Laws and Statues of the State of Ohio.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at the City of Dayton, this 14th day of November, 1883.

[SEAL] OREN BRITT BROWN, *Clerk.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OHIO,)
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.)

I, James W. Newman, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Articles of Incorporation of The Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, filed in this office on the 17th day of November, A. D., 1883, and Recorded in Volume 28, Pages 405 etc., of the Records of Incorporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal of office, at Columbus, the 21st day of November, A. D., 1883. JAS. W. NEWMAN,

[SEAL] *Secretary of State.*

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following received the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

J. H. GOOD, *in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from October 1st, 1882, to October 1st, 1883, as follows:*

DR.

By balance from last year	$332 49
Miami Classis, bill of 1882 in full	98 07
Lancaster Classis, bill of 1882 in full	44 93
Tuscarawas Classis, bill of 1882 in full	76 28
Tiffin Classis, bill of 1882 in full	47 20
Eastern Ohio Classis, bill of 1882 in full	49 72
Iowa Classis, bill of 1882 in full	17 40
Shelby Classis, bill of 1882 in full	7 86
Kansas Classis, bill of 1882 in full	6 78
St. Joseph Classis, bill of 1882 in full	24 40
Cincinnati Classis, in full of settlement	27 40
Total	$732 53

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To paid sexton at Akron		$ 10 00
Rev. D Lantz, one-third traveling expenses		11 00
Rev. J. H. Buser " "		8 00
Tickets for use of synod		2 00
Dr. Reiter, salary as Stated Clerk		75 00
Dr. Reiter's general bill:		
Railroad orders	$1 00	
Expenses to synod of Akron	7 75	
" " Dayton	2 50	
" " postage stamps	8 75	
" " wrapping paper, &c	3 00	
" " stationery and postage	9 00	
		$ 32 00
Dr. Reiter, printing Minutes of 1882		134 00
Dr. Reiter, printing Sunday-school blanks		5 48
Postage, stationery, and expressage, &c., of treasurer		8 83
		$286 31
Balance in the treasury		446 22
		$732 53

UNPAID INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

Northern Illinois Classss, bill of 1879 in part	$ 6 00
" " " " 1880 in full	15 00
" " " " 1881 "	19 15
" " " " 1882 "	8 75

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD. *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the treasurer's report, adopted:

The Standing Committee on Finance would submit the following report:

The report of the Treasurer of Synod came into our hands which we have examined and found correct, with a surplus of funds on hand at date. The treasurer recommends the same amount for apportionment for this purpose as was made last year.

The following amounts have been referred to us to be apportioned to the several classes for the objects named, viz:

Home Missions	$5,000 00
Beneficiary Education	2,200 00
Church Erection	1,800 00
Theological Seminary	1,000 00
Contingent Expenses	190 95

We see from the treasurer's report that Northern Illinois Classis is indebted to the Treasurer of Ohio Synod :—

To bill of 1879 in part	$ 6 00
" " 1880 " full	15 00
" " 1881 " "	19 15
" " 1882 " "	8 75

Concerning this indebtedness your committed would recommend that the Treasurer of Ohio Synod be instructed to urge Northern Illinois Classis to pay this just claim. On this subject the treasurer asks that this synod at this session take the following cction :

Resolved, That no more money be paid to the delegates from Northern Illinois until that classis settles up all arrearages to this fund.

We have learned incidentally that there are some funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod resulting from the sale of liturgies, and your committee would submit the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay over to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminery for immediate use, such sums as have been or may be realized from the sale of liturgies.

Resolved, That the following apportionment be adopted :

Classes.	Missions 22½c. per Member.	Beneficiary Education 11 3-5c. per Member.	Church Erection 9½c. per Member.	Theological Seminary, immediate use, 5½c. per Member.	Contingent 1c. per Member.
Miami	$1,225 00	$ 540 00	$ 442 32	$ 248 30	$ 46 56
Lancaster	658 56	290 60	237 97	137 75	25 05
Tuscarawas	931 36	415 70	343 71	192 95	36 18
Tiffin	581 00	256 70	210 23	118 00	22 13
Eastern Ohio	596 48	263 10	215 55	121 00	22 69
Northern Illinois	88 00	37 30	30 30	18 00	3 39
Shelby	127 84	55 00	45 26	25 00	4 87
Iowa	241 76	105 80	85 50	48 10	9 21
St. Joseph	450 00	195 80	160 26	90 90	17 05
Kansas	100 00	40 00	35 00	20 00	3 82
Total.	$5,000 00	$2,200 00	$1,806 00	$1,020 00	$190 95

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN HENRY, *Chairman.*

According to the instructions of Synod to the Stated Clerk, the proposed amounts for the designated objects were apportioned among the classes on the basis of the church membership of 1883.

The following action in regard to apportionments was adopted by the synod:

WHEREAS, The apportionments made by the Ohio Synod upon the classes, and by the classes upon pastors, consistories, and congregations, are regarded by some in the light of taxation, and contrary to the spirit of the Reformed Church; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod does not make, or regard, apportionments for benevolence in the legal sense of taxation, but as the minimum amounts of moneys the classes can reasonably be expected to contribute to sustain and carry forward the various benevolent enterprises of the church.

III. PAYMENT OF BILLS BY THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod, namely:

1. Messrs. Hale & Derby, $1.25 for printing one hundred tickets for the use of synod.
2. Mr. Benjamin Dieffenbach, $10.00 for his services as sextonof the Reformed Church in West Alexandria.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Milton F. Frank. The report was received and adopted, and the committee was instructed to have one hundred of the nominations printed for the use of synod.

The election was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon at three o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. William H. Shults and Albert Gonser were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and during Saturday morning session reported the result to synod.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

The following resolution, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Nominations be and hereby is instructed hereafter to arrange the names of the persons nominated on the ticket in one column.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

During the morning session on Thursday the following preamble and resolution were presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the "Great Head of the Church," to call from labor to rest, during the last synodical year, his faithful servants, Rev. Jacob Weaver, Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., Rev. John Pence, and Rev. Hiram Shaull; and,

WHEREAS, All of these brethren were members of this synod; and,

WHEREAS, It becomes the solemn duty of this synod, to observe in some suitable manner the transfer of these our beloved brethren by the Master, from the church militant to the church triumphant; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on *in memoriam*, to prepare an order of *memorial services* to be observed by this synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Jesse Steiner, Lewis M. Kerschner, Austin Henry, Elders George Souder, and Henry Hildabolt.

This committee, during the morning session on Friday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee on In Memoriam, would respectfully submit the following report:

The special committee on In Memoriam of the departed brethren, Revs. Jacob Weaver, S. B. Leiter, D. D., J. Pence, and H. Shaull, would respectfully suggest the following as the order in the memorial services to be observed, and resolutions to be adopted. The memorial services to be held on Saturday

afternoon immediately after the preparatory services, and to begin with the singing of an appropriate hymn, and the reading of a suitable portion of the Holy Scriptures by the president of synod, and to proceed in the order of the priority of their several deaths.

1. That in memoriam of the Rev. Jacob Weaver, who fell asleep in Jesus, December 28th, 1882, the Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., be appointed to deliver an appropriate address, not exceeding ten minutes, to be followed by impromptu remarks of other brethren, each not to exceed five minutes in duration.

2. That in memoriam of the Rev. S. B. Leiter, D. D., who was transferred by his divine Lord and Master from the church militant to the church triumphant, March 31st, 1883, Rev. E. D. Wettach be appointed to deliver the major address, not to exceed ten minutes, to be followed by other members of synod in minor speeches not to exceed five minutes in length.

3. That in memoriam of the Rev. J. Pence, who was called by the divine Master from labor to rest, April 18th, 1883, Rev. J. Steiner be appointed to inaugurate the memorial services with an address of ten minutes, to be followed by voluntary remarks of other brethren of five minutes' length.

4. That in memoriam of the death of the Rev. H. Shaull, who was called to give an account of his stewardship, April 23d, 1883, Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., be appointed to begin the memorial services by such observations as he may deem appropriate, not to exceed ten minutes, to be promptly followed by suitable remarks from other brethren, each not to consume more than five minutes.

The committee would also recommend the following resolutiens for the adoption of this synod:

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the departure, and deplore the loss which the church has sustained by the death of the beloved brethren, whose demise has occasioned these memorial services.

Resolved, That among those who have laid aside the gospel armor during the past synodical year, we both recognize and mourn the loss of some who were pioneers in the Reformed Church, and who laid the foundations of many of the churches and charges embraced within the geographical limits of this synod.

Resolved, That in the termination of their ministerial work,

that while we miss their social excellencies and good counsel both in our classical and synodical assemblages, we are also admonished to heed their example, and "to work while it is called to-day, for the night of death cometh, when no man can work."

Resolved, That this synod expresses its deep sympathy with those families with us in the same church, whose earthly homes have been so suddenly darkened by the departure of their loved ones, and we promise them an interest in our prayers, and affectionately commend them to that God who has declared himself to be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan.

Resolved, That a copy of these memorial services and resolutions be forwarded to those families who have been so suddenly bereaved, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to publish them in the *Christian World* and *Messenger*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEINER, *Chairman.*

The memorial services were severally observed according to the appointment of the committee.

FOURTH CENTENNIAL OF ZWINGLI'S BIRTH.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 1 that, in a communication from Philadelphia Classis, the attention of this synod is directed to the historical fact that January 1, 1884, will be the anniversary and fourth centennial of the birth of Ulric Zwingli, and requests this synod to consider the propriety of celebrating in some appropriate manner the anniversary of his birth. The request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Dr. H. M. Herman, Edward M. Beck, Elders Andrew H. Baughman and George Miller.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The following has been officially sent to us from the Classis of Philadelphia of the Synod in the United States:

"WHEREAS, The Reformed Church has a rich legacy in the

history of Protestant Christianity, tracing as it does, its origin to the early work of the Reformation in Switzerland, Germany, Holland. and other countries: and

"WHEREAS, This history, at the first, was largely associated with certain honored and pious men, whose names will ever be held in grateful remembrance; and

"WHEREAS, Ulric Zwingli holds a high place in the front rank of those great and good men whom God raised up for the revival of pure Apostolic Christianity in the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, and also brought to the work a measure of piety, learning, and self-sacrificing zeal, which richly claim most grateful remembrance; and

"WHEREAS, The first day of January, 1884, will be the four hundreth anniversary of Zwingli's birth; therefore

"*Resolved*, That we think it proper that some action should be taken by the ecclesiastical judicatories of the Reformed Church to commemorate this fact.

"*Resolved*, That we, as a classis, do here place on record our high esteem for this noble Reformer, whose learning was only equalled by his eloquence, and who sealed his mission with his blood when he fell as a martyr on the field of Cappel."

Your committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That we heartily concur with the spirit and intent of the preamble and resolutions of Philadelphia Classis.

Resolved, That each pastor throughout the bounds of this synod be earnestly requested to hold suitable services, in each of his congregations, during the month of January, 1884, preaching a historical sermon, setting forth the great work Ulric Zwingli was instrumental, under the blessing of God, to perform in bringing about the reformation of the Church.

Resolved, That in connection with such services funds shall be raised by collection or otherwise as a thanksgiving offering unto the Lord for the rich legacy left us by our pious ancestry of the sixteenth century; and that the amounts of money so contributed shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary to be invested as a permanent fund, to be known as the Zwingli Memorial Fund, the interest therefrom to be used for the support of the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

ACTION IN REGARD TO TEMPERANCE.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The people of Ohio have had at the recent election an opportunity of giving an expression to their sentiments on the all-important subject of temperance; and

WHEREAS, The proposed "second amendment" to the organic law of the State has received so earnest and hearty support by the people, notwithstanding the strenuous opposition brought to bear against it; therefore

Resolved, That, although our expectations were not fully realized in securing the adoption of the aforesaid amendment, we still have reason to take encouragement in the fact that the suffrages of the people were so largely in its favor, and that public sentiment is being thoroughly aroused and educated on the temperance issue; and, further, that we will not cease our efforts until complete prohibition of intoxicants as a beverage shall become a finality.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 12 that the Stated Clerk was instructed to call the attention of the Cincinnati Classis to its indebtedness to this synod. Thereupon the Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

I would report that on the 8th of November, 1882, I wrote to the President (Rev. O. J. Accola) of Cincninnati Classis, giving him a definite statement of the arrearages of said classis to the Ohio Synod, and through him urged compliance on the part of the classis with the action of the synod in 1881 (Minutes, page 60). On the 9th of December, 1882, I received a letter from the president in which he said: "Your statement is clear, and I shall lay it before classis at its next regular meeting." Meanwhile not hearing anything in regard to the result, I again addressed a letter of inquiry to Rev. Accola September 28, 1883, and the 3d of October I received an answer to the effect that Cincinnati Classis had paid the balance ($27.40) due the Ohio Synod to the Treasurer of Synod. The claim may therefore be regarded as settled.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, during Thursday afternoon session, Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Michael Loucks and John J. Leberman were appointed a committee to secure reporters for the Cincinnati and Dayton papers. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to secure reporters for the Cincinnati and Dayton papers, would respectfully report that, after making patient and diligent efforts to secure such reporters, we were unable to succeed in our efforts. We therefore request synod to discharge this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD. *Chairman.*

On motion, during the morning session on Friday, Revs. John R. Skinner, Samuel B. Yockey and Elder Eli Diehl were appointed a committee on Leave of Absence, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made. This committee, through the chairman, Rev. John R. Skinner, reported near the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved by the synod.

On motion, near the close of the morning session on Monday, the following action in regard to the Religious Services of the next synod, was adopted:

Resolved, That the character of the religious services to be had during the sessions of the Ohio Synod at Delaware, Ohio, in October, A. D. 1884, be placed in the hands of Rev. John Vogt, D. D., pastor *loci*, and the officers of synod.

Towards the close of the afternoon session on Thursday, the synod received the sad intelligence of the death of the wife of Rev. Adam Hawker, a brother minister and member of this synod. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to convey to him the sympathy and condolence of this synod, which was done through the following communication:

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO, October 12, 1883.

Rev. Adam Hawker:

DEAR BRO:—It is with profound sadness that the Ohio Synod, now in session here, has learned of the death of your wife, whereby deepest sadness has been poured into your cup. Yet death is the door, dark to us, but the pearly gate, by which our loved ones enter into heaven! Hereby is conveyed to you, the sincerest sympathy and condolence of the Ohio Synod, in your hour of deepest affliction, and our prayers to Almighty God are lifted up in your behalf.

By order of the Ohio Synod,

AUSTIN HENRY, *Cor. Sec..*

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 4, under *b*, that an invitation was extended to the synod by the pastor of the Reformed Church at Delaware, Ohio, to hold its next annual sessions there. This item, having been laid on the table until the synod shall select a place, was soon after taken up, and the synod, on motion, proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting.

The places proposed were Delaware, Louisville, Canal Winchester and Thornville, Ohio. The election proceeded by calling the roll, and the result was that Delaware, Ohio, was chosen as the place; and the time fixed was the second Wednesday in October (8th), A. D., 1884, at seven o'clock in the evening.

In immediate connection with the selection of the place and the fixing of the time of the next annual meeting of synod, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the synod shall be in the character of a general convention.

During the afternoon session on Friday, in consequence of sickness in his family, the president (Rev. Wm. A. Hale) was excused and he returned home. On motion, Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., was appointed president *pro tem.*, who served in this capacity until Monday morning, when the president returned and again presided, continuing to the final adjournment.

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ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That this synod returns its most sincere thanks to the members of the Reformed Church and the citizens of West Alexandria for the very kind and generous hospitality extended to the members of synod during their sojourn in their midst, and that the pastor *loci* read this resolution from the pulpit at his next appointment.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of synod be instructed to tender the thanks of this synod to the several railroad companies that have favored its members with reduced fare on their respective roads, namely, the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, the Indiana, Bloomington & Western, and the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroads.

The roll was called, and there were found absent without permission or excuse, Revs. John Stuck, John E. Dingledine and Lewis B. Clayton.

The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States now adjourns to meet in general convention in the Reformed Church at Delaware, Ohio, on the second Wednesday in October (8th), A. D. 1884, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, Octobor 15th, 1883, at a quarter past three o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's prayer, doxology, and the benediction by the President.

WILLIAM A. HALE, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D	Mt. Zion	2	196	58	12	2	6	1	175	8			6	2	180		$85	$900	10	Dayton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	2	326	60	3	2	6	7	275	2			5	2	260		250	1,500	12	Xenia, Ohio.
Henry M. Herman	Miamisburg	1	311	140	10	1	14	6	247	6			10	1	225		171	1,302	12	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Joseph G. Shoemaker	West Alexandria	3	360	100	7	6	8	10	270	30			5	3	225		247	1,784	15	West Alexandria, O.
James T. Hale	Fairfield	3	324	150	10	3	5	3	275	6		14	7	3	270		52	980	25	Fairfield, Ohio.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	451	54	13	23	36	15	329	7		1	4	5	601		92	890	30	North Hampton, Ohio.
G. W. H. Smith	Cæsar Creek	3	189	56	8	9	9		149	4		4	11	3	184		53	725	6	Xenia, Ohio.
Richard B. Reichard	Highland	2	181	37	1	1	2	2	96	4		24	2	2	130		56	255	13	Hillsboro, Ohio.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	2	71	10	3				63					2					1	Hamilton, Ohio.
Benj. F. Tucker	Port Jefferson	3	179	45	1	2	14	2	137			11	3	3	126		87	960	12	Bloom Centre, Ohio.
William A. Hale	First Church, Dayton.	1	426	175	18	4	7	29	343	12		10	5	1	224		384	6,504	25	Dayton, Ohio.
Milton F. Frank	Farmersville	2	278	119	8	3	14	4	235	1		4	1	2	269	1	109	900	6	Farmersville, Ohio.
Milton F. Frank (sup)	Winchester	1	37	8					30			3	1	1	80		5	115		Farmersville, Ohio.
John Stuck	New Pittsburg	3	86	38	18	11	13	12	60				1	1	68		9	231	1	Hill Grove, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	Hill Grove	3	190	50		2	4	6	140	2		50	3	4	230		35	500	10	Hill Grove, Ohio.
Solomon Ream	Tremont City	1	110	18	2	2	7	3	72	2		9	2	1	105		135	1,363	10	Tremont City, Ohio.
William H. Shults	Springboro	1	77	25	3		8	3	70	1			1	1	90		100	500	4	Springboro, Ohio.
Adam Hawker	Mt. Carmel	2	100	50	2	9	17	4	90	2	2		2	2	100		70	300	10	Dayton, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	Germantown	2	147	50	1	2	3	2	135	5			1	2	215		72	500	8	Germantown, Ohio.
Levi Rike	Zion	1	14						11				1	1	40			150	2	Heno, Ohio.
1.	Bradford	4	81	24			2			3		6	2	2			9	60	8	Bradford, Ohio.
George H. Souder	Greenville	1	40	18			1	8	32					1	54		12	211	6	Greenville, Ohio.
Michael Loucks	Valley	2	168	78	2	3	4	4	160	11		22	2	2	140		75	815	14	Dayton, Ohio.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	233	59	4	5	20	6	200	5			3	4	340		54	3,500	15	Arcanum, Ohio.
	St. Paris	2	60	35	2				50				1	1	30				2	St. Paris, Ohio.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	No Charge																			Miamisburg, Ohio.
Thomas H. Winters	No Charge																			Xenia, Ohio.
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D	Ed. "Chr'n. World."																			Dayton, Ohio.
Jonathan C. Beade	No Charge																			Port Jefferson, O.
	Salem	2	31	16				3	31				2				4	50	8	
Total, 26.		58	4656	1473	128	90	200	130	3665	111	2	158	82	51	4186	1	$3.027	24,995	265	

1. Supplied by Rev. J. V. Potts.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommun'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	459	86	13	5	17	3	410	2			2	2	250	1	$229	$853	10	Basil, Fairfield Co., O
John Vogt, D. D.,	Delaware	1	247	119	9	3	10	7	219	1		5	2	1	143		195		10	Delaware, Ohio.
Amos Cassleman	Thornville	4	417		12		14	1		3			4	4		3	285	820	18	Thornville, Ohio.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Kinnickinnick	3	149	88	9	1	3	3	122	1		10	4	2	130		33	700	12	Kingston, Ross Co., O.
Austin Henry	Winchester	4	292	85	6	5	15	5	260				4	2	210		107	4,200	12	Canal Winchester, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Stoutsville	3	245	120	5		6	2	147			14	5	3	280		94	753	6	Stoutsville, Ohio.
John R. Skinner	Jerusalem & Mt. Zion.	4	145	58	2	2	3	3	133			2	2	3	251	1	93	701	6	Bremen, Ohio.
Henry H. Sandoe	Union	4	285	139	23		1	2	235				3	3	110		181	703	16	Baltimore, Ohio.
Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D	Lancaster	2	243	63	7	14	28	6	175	2		3	2	2	110		158	1,475	2	Lancaster, Ohio.
James Heffley	North Union	1	23	14	1		1		21	1			1	1					2	Canal Winchester, O.
Henry King	No Charge																			Baltimore, Ohio.
Peter D. Schory	No Charge																			Lancaster, Ohio.
Total, 12.		28	2505	772	87	30	98	32	1722	10		34	29	23	1484	5	$1,375	$10,205	94	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent. Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	4	365	133	13	5	18	22	348	19		5	8	4	463		$144	$1,185	25	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	257	93	27	1	4		228	5			4	3	245		97	600	18	Massillon, Ohio.
Edward H. Otting	Union	4	271	145		2	3	6	197	6		2	5	3	135		84	440	19	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Emil P. Herbruck	Grace Reformed	1	384	60	29	3	26	41	320	5			1	1	275		120	3,900	8	Akron, Ohio.
John H. Beck	Uniontown	4	261		11	4	26	3	229			2	12	4	270		100	4,100	16	Mt. Eaton, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Manchester	3	229	100	10	6	10	15	222	3		1	5	3	326	1	45	900	13	Nimisilla, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Trinity Reformed	1	235	117	17	2	11	25	153	6		17	2	1	205		80	1,047	15	Canton, Ohio.
Orange E. Lake	Shelby	3	150	20	3	1	1	1	140				16	3	200		65	4,000	16	Shelby, Ohio.
Edward D. Wettach	Reedsburg	3	189	65	3	6	7	5	149	1		2	5	3	235		100	738	10	Reedsburg, Ohio.
George W. Remagen	Navarre	4	242	53	6	16	63	20	260				5	4	362		59	768	14	Hiawatha, Kansas.
Albert Gonser	West Salem	4	177	31	4	7	33	5	160	2			7	3	120		105	760	17	West Salem, O.
James H. Steele	Mohican	3	166	81	3	13	14	1	130	3		10	1	3	200		62	1,800	6	Mohican, Ohio.
Rufus C. Zartman	Wooster	1	140	65					90	1				1	125				10	Wooster, Ohio.
Edward M. Beck	Bristol	2	164	31	10	8	39	16	149	1		3	4	2	150		62	900	9	Marshallville, Ohio.
Jacob V. Lerch	Canal Fulton	1	109	11	6	2	13	10	98	9		7	4	1	93		38	550	9	Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Apple Creek	1	118	59	9			8	91	6		8	4	1	75		41	490	10	Apple Creek, Ohio.
	Shenandoah	3	50						40				2	2						Shenandoah, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams	Canaan	2	111			1	20	15	90				1	2			19	850	10	Canaan, Ohio.
Theodore J. Bacher																				Fort Wayne, Ind.
Total, 18.		48	3618	1055	151	77	288	203	3064	67		57	86	44	3479	1	$1,276	$23,028	225	

Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., died at Wadsworth, Ohio, March 31, 1883, aged 73 years 11 months and 12 days.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Prof. Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. Col																			
J. H. Good, D. D., (sup.)	Bascom & St. Jacob's	3	163	110	19	3	37	4	145	9			1	54	1	$140		12	Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D. D	Prof. in Theol. Sem																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Geo. W. Williard, D. D	Pres't. Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D	Prof. in Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D	First Church, Tiffin	1	204	112	3	6	13	8	170	8		3	1	205		137	$1,150	12	Tiffin, Ohio.
Jesse Richards	Lindsey	2	157	40	19	11	37	5	100	10	8	6	2			34	6,000	3	Lindsey, Ohio.
Samuel Shaw	Bloomville	3	160	34	14	3	3	16	133			4	3	396		45	765	16	Bloomville, Ohio.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	2	177	50	4	1	6	3	167	18	5	2	1	110		65	825	20	Bellevue, Ohio.
Alpheus E. Baichly	St. Michael	1	48	40	2			4	46	2	8		1	60		25	180	5	Grand Rapids, Ohio.
Jacob Ihle	Zion	2	257	80	21	2	15	8	220	12		9	2	210		130	516	15	Bellevue, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber	Ada	4	161	89	10	4	20	2	151	8		1	4	183		70	571	14	Ada, Ohio.
John I. Swander,	Fremont	1	88	40	7	6	22	8	85	2	5		1	90		30	500	5	Fremont, Ohio.
William A. Long	Lima	2	35	13				6	17				1	40			328	8	Lima, Ohio.
Augustus Konetska	No Charge																			Fostoria, Ohio.
William Smith	Ft. Seneca	3	165	30	4		8	15	154				3	200		41	1,620	5	Fort Seneca, Ohio.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	110	25	6		1	5	92	3		2	2	115		37	725	5	Fostoria, Ohio.
David M. Christman	Helena	2	135	95	1				100		1	3	2	140		18	25	6	Helena, Ohio.
David S. Caldwell	Carey	3	60					14	10		11		1	70			50	5	Nevada, Ohio.
John V. Potts	No Charge																			North Robinson, Ohio.
	Liberty Centre	2	133																	
H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Grace Church	1	101	50	4		6	11	100	2			1	90			10,000	5	Tiffin, Ohio.
Franklin W. Brown, (sup.)	Paulding	3	59	59	13	5	13	21	59				2	102		11	866	6	Lake, Ohio.
Charles W. Good	No Charge																			Tiffin, Ohio,
Jacob Klingler	No Charge																			Upper Sandusky, O.
Charles O. Knepper, (Lic.)	Prof. in Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Total, 23.		37	2213	867	127	41	181	130	1749	71	41	30	28	2065	1	$783	$24,154	142	

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	3	535	150	34	15	35	17	450	15		10	16	3	450	1	$500	$1,000	30	Louisville, Ohio.
Charles M. Schaaf	Mt. Olivet	2	260	157	6	3	14		240	3		22	5	2	175		150	800	10	North Lima, Ohio.
Milton H. Groh	New Lisbon	2	256	117	8	11	15	9	179	5		6	3	2	200		237	1,063	18	New Lisbon, Ohio.
J. Huston Bomberger	Columbiana	1	208	100	3	4	6	6	142	2		1	1	1	235		355	1,600	15	Columbiana, Ohio.
Frank C. Witthoff	Springfield	2	200	164			2		135					1				600	10	Calla, Ohio.
	Carrollton	2	163		5		3	3	131	8			3	2	134			600	5	Carrollton, Ohio.
	Warren	4	156	135	14				140				2	3	150		150	500	15	
Julius Herold	Youngstown	1	180	150	25		20	13	71	10		6	11	1			107	800	5	Youngstown, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	121	40	4	9	13	8	95	7				2	115		26	562	14	Germano, Ohio.
	Canfield 1	1	190																	Canfield, Ohio.
	Moultrie																			
John Meckley	No Charge																			Petersburg, Ohio.
Michael A Miller	No Charge																			Carrollton, Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	No Charge																			Youngstown, Ohio.
John C. Klar.	No Charge																			Navarre, Ohio.
Total, 11.		20	2269	1013	99	42	108	56	1583	50		45	41	17	1459	1	$1,525	$7,525	122	

1. Recently taken charge of by Rev. John M. Kendig, Canfield, Ohio.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Lantz	Forreston	2	130	70	4	1	10	8	130	2			2	1	55	1	$25	$600	2	Forreston, Illinois.
Frederick W. Stump	Orangeville	4	114	125	9	1	5	6	93	2		2	3	4	360		150	550	5	Redfield, Dakota.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	1	36	20	1			3	30				1	1	25		20	70	4	Lena, Illinois.
Joshua Wolbach	Dakota	4	59	38	1		1	4	49			2	1	1	35		18	500	5	Dakota, Illinois.
Frank Wetzel	No Charge																			Dakota, Illinois.
John Kercher	Superannuated																			La Rose, Illinois.
Samuel Mease, D. D	No Charge																			Chicago, Illinois.
Total, 7.		11	334	253	15	2	16	21	292	4		4	7	7	475	1	*$213	$1,720	16	

*NOTE.—Add to amount of benevolent purposes for Northern Illinois College $2,100, and for missions at festival $120, making the total $2,433.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Jeriah S. Shade	**Astoria**	2	86	66	2		8	8	65	1		6	1	2	55		$35	$39	5	**Broken Sword, Ohio.**
	Altamont	3	98	63					96					2	112					**Altamont, Illinois.**
James H. Lippard	**Anna**	4	160		10		46	1	150	2		1	3				64	26	4	**Anna, Union Co., Ill.**
Joseph F. Butler	**Shelbyville**	1	51	50	3				40	1				1	40		55	238	2	**Shelbyville, Illinois.**
John A. Seitz	**Mt. Zion**	2	92	81				2	64			8	1	2	150		50		3	**Stonington, Illinois.**
Julius H. Shuford	**No Charge**																			**Redfield, Dakota.**
Total, 5.		12	487	260	15		54	11	415	4		15	5	7	357		$204	$303	14	

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick C. Bauman	Harmony	2	128	105	11	...	2	1	100	5	...	...	2	1	100	1	$75	$966	3	Zwingli, Iowa.
John H. Buser	Coneville	3	115	30	3	3	4	2	100	...	...	...	1	2	80	...	30	400	5	Coneville, Iowa.
Isaac A. Sites	Columbus Junction	2	92	120	...	...	...	...	62	...	...	...	1	1	70	...	95	700	4	Fairview, Indiana.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	138	85	16	1	3	7	130	6	...	1	2	2	185	...	183	979	4	Lisbon, Linn Co., Iowa.
Samuel C. Long	Boulder	2	85	50	1	1	1	1	60	2	...	...	1	2	86	...	37	958	3	Central City, Iowa.
Henry Bair	Beaman	2	37	10	...	1	4	3	32	...	...	...	...	2	104	...	126	1,070	5	Liscomb, Iowa.
Samuel L. Runkel	Wilton	1	43	31	1	...	11	1	36	...	...	...	5	1	40	...	25	166	2	Wilton, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	2	92	60	11	...	...	8	50	8	...	...	...	1	40	...	10	200	2	Millersburg, Iowa.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	40	40	13	...	...	...	40	1	...	...	...	1	25	...	35	150	2	Monticello, Iowa.
George A. House	Maquoketa	3	65	25	7	...	8	4	50	...	...	...	2	2	90	...	20	1,180	2	Maquoketa, Iowa.
David P. Lefever	Pleasant Valley	1	68	69	3	1	12	1	60	4	...	...	1	1	40	...	60	300	3	Imogene, Iowa.
George Weber	Leighton	1	18	...	...	4	9	...	17	...	...	...	...	1	110	...	20	325	1	Forreston, Ogle Co., Ill.
John Naille	No Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lyons, Clinton, Co., Ia.
Total, 13.		24	921	625	66	11	54	28	437	24	...	1	15	17	970	1	$716	$7,394	36	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. ‡Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John L. Bretz	Bluffton	2	99	24	6		3	1	60				2	1	50		$50	$400	6	Bluffton, Indiana.
Fred. F. Christine	Union	3	191	70	8	4	27	12	172	5		21	3	2	200		74	679	6	Waterloo, Indiana.
Louis Grosenbaugh	Three Rivers	1	102	89	24			3	95				1	1	85		47	975	1	Three Rivers, Mich.
Wm. A. Miller	Winamac	4	124		11									4	205			150	1	Winamac, Indiana.
‡David H. Reiter	Wakeshma	1	122	16	4	1	5	16	85				1	2	105		50	700	3	Fulton, Michigan.
Elias Spangler	Farmer	1	23																	Edgerton, Ohio.
Jesse Steiner	Bunker Hill	3	169	30	4	10	27	8	150				1	2	120		62	2,500	1	Pulaski, Ohio.
Allen K. Zartman	Zion	2	150	55	1	17	9	28	135			6	6	2	120		42	2,550		Goshen, Indiana.
	Denver	3	148																	Denver, Indiana.
Simon P. Myers	Kentland Mission	2	21					5	21					2	118				2	Kentland, Indiana.
	*Marshall	4	185										1			1				Plymouth, Indiana.
Louis Grosenbaugh, (sup.)	Moore Park	1	33	20					30						15		16	500	1	Three Rivers, Mich.
	Neriah	2	62																	Erie, Monroe Co., Mich.
	Rochester	2	54																	Rochester, Indiana.
	St. Paul	2	124	110	8	2	4	4	91				2	2	168	1	69	1,055	2	Bristol, Indiana.
	†White Pigeon	2	98	40	5	2	2	6	97	9				2	145		79	935	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
Andrew Butt	No Charge																			Toledo, Ohio.
Wm. G. Hackman	No Charge																			Burr Oak, Michigan.
Anson L. Hassler	No Charge																			Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
Daniel Kroh	No Charge																			Toledo, Ohio.
Jonas Michael	No Charge																			Winamac, Indiana.
Total, 13.		35	1705	454	71	36	77	83	936	14		27	17	20	1331	2	$489	$10,444	26	

‡Dismissed to the Congregational Church. †Recently taken charge of by Rev. R. F. Oplinger. *Recently taken charge of by Rev. Wm. A. From.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'try	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George W. Remagen	Bethany	1	64	68	...	...								1	50		$20		2	Hiawatha, Kansas.
J. F. Graf	Zions	1	85	90	...	...	5		70					1	75		39	$690	2	Wathena, Kansas.
Daniel J. Greenwald	Sabetha	2	66	62	4	...	10		55				4	2	55		11	245	2	Sabetha, Kansas.
Abraham Bolliger	New Basil	1	80	110	5	...		1	60		2	2		1	100		7	200	2	New Basil, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker	Holton	1	23	18	...	...	6	5	16								6	65	1	Holton, Kansas.
Allen R. Holshouser	Lyons	1	19	19	3	...	2	5	17								...	400	1	Lyons, Kansas.
David B. Shuey	Emporia	1	16	22	6	...		1	13								...	...	2	Emporia, Kansas.
Siegfried Thomas	Bunker Hill	1	10	8	4	...			10					1	8		6	8	1	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
Isaac G. Brown	Marshall	1	19	16	...	...											...	...	1	Wichita, Kansas.
E. F. Schorer	No Charge		...	...	...	...											...	...	1	Twin Creek, Kansas.
John W. Rauch	No Charge		...	...	...	...											...	...	1	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Elias Bauman	No Charge		...	...	...	...											...	...		Oregon, Kansas.
Total, 12.		10	382	413	22	...	23	12	241		2	2	4	6	288		$87	1,608	16	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1883.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'try	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	26	58	4,656	4,473	128	90	200	130	3,665	111	2	158	82	51	4,186	1	$3,027	$24,995	265
Lancaster	1	12	28	2,505	772	87	30	98	32	1,722	10		34	29	23	1,484	5	1,375	10,205	94
Tuscarawas	1	18	48	3,618	1,055	151	77	288	203	3,064	67		57	86	44	3,479	1	1,276	23,028	225
Tiffin	1	23	37	2,213	867	127	41	181	130	1,749	74		41	30	28	2,065	1	783	24,154	142
Eastern Ohio	1	11	20	2,269	1,013	99	42	108	56	1,583	50		45	41	17	1 459	1	1,525	7,525	122
Northern Illinois	1	7	11	339	253	15	2	16	21	292	4		4	7	7	475	1	2,433	1,720	16
Shelby	1	5	12	487	260	15	..	54	11	415	4		15	5	7	357	.	204	303	14
Iowa	1	13	24	921	625	66	11	54	28	737	24		1	15	17	970	1	716	7,391	36
St. Joseph	1	13	35	1,705	454	71	36	77	83	936	14		27	17	20	1,331	2	489	10,444	26
Kansas	1	12	10	382	413	22	...	23	12	241	...	2	2	4	6	288	...	87	1,608	16
Total	10	140	283	19,095	7,185	781	329	1,099	706	14,404	358	4	384	316	220	16,094	13	$11,915	$111,386	956

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1883.

SYNODS.																			
Synod in the United States	9	225	455	70,135	41,528	5,137	325	4,087	1,284	57,258	660	7	417	2260	536	48,260	48	$37,158	$279,970
Synod of Ohio	10	140	283	19,095	7,185	781	329	1,099	706	14,404	358	4	384	316	220	16,094	13	11,915	111,386
Synod of the Northwest	9	116	157	13,545	9,908	1,195	15	669	880	10,728	206	28	159	359	134	7,680	29	8,580	68,376
Synod of Pittsburg	5	56	132	12,484	8,948	878	69	539	409	10,603	264	5	105	229	105	8,122	9	11,898	83,596
Synod of the Potomac	10	137	279	29,071	19,128	1,852	229	1,405	663	24,325	453	8	139	728	239	18,413	24	17,355	112,207
German Synod of the East	5	41	40	10,010	6,029	1,749	11	685	461	7,652	39	2	222	506	40	6,942	2	5,589	66,048
Central Synod	4	68	119	15,190	10,386	1,073	40	749	640	11,929	142	14	273	389	104	9,209	20	8,653	57,989
Grand Total: Synods, 7.	52	783	1,465	169,530	103,112	12,665	1,018	9,233	5,043	136,899	2122	68	1699	4787	1378	114,720	145	$101,148	$779,572

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Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Delaware, Ohio, on Wednesday, the eighth day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at one o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to appointment, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Delaware, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 8th, A. D. 1884, at seven o'clock in the evening, Rev. William A. Hale presiding. After the usual religious service, the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon was preached on Thursday evening by Rev. William A. Hale, the retiring president, from 2 Tim. iv:2: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Samuel B. Yockey 2, Henry M. Herman, D. D., James T. Hale, Daniel R. Taylor, William A. Hale, Lewis B. Clayton, Nathan W. Bloom, Solomon Ream, William H. Shults, Edwin R. Williard, John E. Dingledine 2, Jonathan C. Beade, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Michael Loucks, and George H. Souder.

Elders.—Horace Ankeney 2, Robert Miller, Joseph Wise, Joshua Scott, Jonathan Wagner, Robert M. Kinney, and John Wagoner 2.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—George H. Leonard, John Vogt, D. D., Amos Casselman 2, Louis B. C. Lahr, Austin Henry, Joseph W. Barber 3, Francis M. Shults, James Heffley 2, Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., and Jerome B. Henry.

Elders.—John Leonard, Jacob Klee, Isaac W. Holt 2, and Samuel Runkel.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Sebastian C. Goss 3, John C. Schaaf, Abner R. Kremer, Orange E. Lake, Albert Gonser 2, Edward M. Beck, Jacob V. Lerch 2, Frederick Mayer, E. Garver Williams 3, and John J. M. Gruber.

Elders.—Henry Rees, Abraham Dickerhoff, George B. Krumlauf, Jeremiah R. Poorman, and Abraham Sommers 2.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Jacob Ihle, Samuel Z. Beam, John D. Neff 3, John I. Swander 2, Nathanial H. Loose, Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Henry H. W. Hibshman, D. D., George W. Williard, D. D., and Herman Rust, D. D.

Elders.—Isaac Royer, and Edward Andre.

NOTE—The figures after the names indicate the day of the sessions on which the said members appeared in synod.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, Charles M. Schaaf, Reuben Keller, and John M. Kendig.

Elder.—John Coy.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

There were no members present

SHELBY CLASSIS.

There were no members present.

IOWA CLASSIS.

There were no members present.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—William A. From, John R. Skinner, and Simon P. Myers.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Minister.—Abraham Bolliger.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.—Revs. Jeriah S. Shade, Edward D. Miller, and Philip Ruhl.

From Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.—Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. A. D. Hawn, D. D., Presbyterian Church.

Rev. L. D. McCabe, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. W. G. Waters, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. C. B. Brandebury, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. N. Sites, Missionary to Foochow, China.

H. T. Whitney, M. D., Medical Missionary, China.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Austin Henry, *President*, Canal Winchester, O.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, O.

Rev. Reuben Keller, *Cor. Secretary*, Germano, O.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, O.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 18 that the General Synod had adopted Rules of Order for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States. Thereupon, on motion, the following resolution in regard to said Rules of Order were adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the Rules of Order adopted by the late General Synod for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States, be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order for the Ohio Synod, instead of its present rules, to take immediate effect, and that they be embodied in the printed minutes of this synod.

In accordance with the foregoing action, these rules are here inserted and published as the

Rules of Order of the Ohio Synod.

I. ORGANIZATION, ETC.

1. The president shall take the chair at the hour to which the Judicatory had been adjourned, immediately call the members to order, and open the session with the prescribed religious services.

2. In the absence of the president, the stated clerk shall call the members to order, and put in nomination a president *pro tem.*, who shall preside until the president is present, or until an election has been held. Should the president and the stated clerk both be absent, then the oldest minister present shall perform this office.

3. The roll shall then be called, on which the names of all those entitled to a seat and having proper credentials shall have been entered, and about whose right there is no contest. If a quorum be present, the Judicatory may proceed to business; but if not, any two members present may adjourn from time to time to give opportunity for a quorum to assemble.

4. If a contest be made as to the right of any one claiming a seat, or there be present two or more sets of delegates from a lower Judicatory, the matter shall at once be referred to a

committee, who shall examine into the case, and report at the earliest possible time.

5. As soon as an organization has been fully effected an election shall be held for such officers as may be required by the Constitution of the Church or the custom of the Judicatory.

6. The limits which define the *Bar of the House* shall be determined immediately on the organization, by the president, and no one without it shall be able to use any right of a member of the Judicatory.

7. A quorum to transact business in any Judicatory shall consist of a majority of the members representing a majority of the lower courts composing it.*

II. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

8. When the president has opened the session, and finds a quorum present after the first day, he shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read, and, if necessary, to be corrected, when he shall declare them approved; and before the final adjournment the remaining proceedings shall be read and corrected; and when no further corrections are required the president shall say: "Shall the minutes be now approved?" If no objections be made, he shall declare them to stand approved.

9. He shall preserve order, guard against the violation of the Constitution of the Church and the Rules of Order, and endeaver to conduct all business to a speedy and proper conclusion.

10. He shall, as soon as possible after the organization has been effected, appoint the several standing committees required for the prompt accomplishment of the business before the Judicatory to the number designated by the constitution or its custom; and, unless otherwise provided for, he shall appoint all temporary committees that may be called for in the process of business.

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*This rule (No. 7) seems to be in conflict with Article LXIV of the Constitution, which says: "If six ministers and as many elders, or a larger number, from a majority of the several classes, be assembled at the appointed time and place, they shall constitute a synod, and be authorized to transact business. The constitution is the *supreme* law of the church, and, therefore, do not all rules and enactments in conflict with it fail to have binding force and must remain inoperative?

Stated Clerk.

11. He shall keep exact account of all items of business that have been laid over or assigned to a particular day, and call them up at the proper time.

12. He shall receive all minutes, reports, communications, etc., addressed to or intended for the Judicatory, and with its consent refer them to their appropriate committees.

13. He shall sign the minutes and all addresses or circulars, etc., issued by the Judicatory, and decide all questions of order subject to an appeal.

14. He may state a question sitting, but shall rise to put it, and in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the ques- may be) say 'aye.'" After the affirmation is expressed,— "As many as are oppossed say 'no.'" If in doubt as to the results, or a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise, stand, and be counted, after which those voting in the negative shall also rise, stand, and be counted, when the president shall announce the result.

15. The president shall vote in all cases when the vote is by ballot, or when his vote be decisive. In all cases of a tie the question shall be lost.

III. DUTIES OF THE STATED CLERK.

16. The stated clerk shall have prepared in advance of the time of the meeting of the Judicatory a complete roll of its members, and as soon as possible perfect a roll of those members present for the use of the president.

17. He shall make a correct and concise minute of all its proceedings, and carefully preserve the same. He shall, if required, make up a correct and authenticated copy of the same, and transmit the same in due time to the higher Judicatory for review. He shall read all papers by order of the president; shall publish due notice of the time and place of all stated meetings, and, by order of the president, of all special meetings.

18. No memorial, communication or other paper confided to his care shall be withdrawn from the files without the warrant of the Judicatory.

19. He shall make a digest of the legislative actions, and all decisions made on constitutional questions, or the Rules of Order, by the Judicatory, for convenient reference.

IV. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. After the minutes have been read and approved, an opportunity shall be given to announce the presence of recently arrived members or secundi, in order that they may be recognized.

21. Business unfinished at a previous session shall be first taken up, unless a special order has been set for that hour.

22. Reports from permanent committees shall have precedence, except in cases where a matter has been set for a special hour.

V. MEMBERS—THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

23. Every member shall be present within the *Bar of the House* while the Judicatory is in session, unless excused or necessarily prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless previously excused, or unless he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the determination of the question.

24. Every member, in speaking, shall rise and address himself respectfully to the president, and, being recognized, may proceed to address the Judicatory. He shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the president, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject under discussion, and avoiding all personalities.

25. During the transaction of business members shall not engage in private conversation; nor in debate shall one address himself to another, or to any one present except the president.

26. When two or more membes rise at the same time, the president shall name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than one hour, on the same question, unless by unanimous consent. The chairman of a committee, however, may open and also close when general debate has been had on a motion reported by him. A member who has spoken to the main question may speak again to an amendment.

27. When any member, in speaking or otherwise, shall transgress the Rules of Order, or deviate from the subject under discussion, or in any way act disorderly, the president shall, or any member may, call him to order, when he shall immediately take his sea[illegible] [illegible]tted to explain, when,

if the Judicatory be satisfied, he may proceed in order; but if the case require it, he shall be liable to censure or reprimand.

28. No member when speaking shall be liable to interruption, except with his permission or for the purpose of correcting a mistake or a misrepresentation.

29. While the president is putting a question, or a member is speaking, no one shall pass between the president and the speaker, or walk across the floor.

30. No motion can be made while a member is speaking, or after the president has begun to take a vote.

31. A member may change his vote if it be done before the president has announced the result, or afterward in a case where it will not affect the result.

VI. COMMITTEES—THEIR POWERS.

32. The first-named member on each committee shall be the chairman, unless the committee prefer to elect their own chairman. In the absence or refusal of the first-named member to preside, the second member on the committee shall take his place, and so on as often as a vacancy may occur.

33. A committee to whom papers have been referred shall return them with its report; and no paper can go before a committee, or become matter for its action, unless it has been properly referred to it.

34. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum, and only can make a report. A minority may submit its views in writing, or any member may submit a motion that contains the view of such minority.

35. A committee may appoint one or more sub-committees in order to facilitate its work, by thus distributing it among its several members, but the final report must come from the whole committee.

36. All special committees when they have made their report and it is received are by this act discharged; but a matter may be recommitted to the same committee, or it may be revived for another purpose.

37. No one who has decidedly spoken against a matter shall be of the special committee to whom it may be referred.

38. A Judicatory may at any time resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider any special matter, when the

president shall then name some one to preside, and vacate the chair. Such committee may rise at any time, when the president shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report its action, or report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

VII. MOTIONS—THEIR PRECEDENCE.

39. Every motion made to a Judicatory and entertained by the president shall, on the demand of any member, be reduced to writing. The president shall then state the question, or cause it to be read by the clerk before being debated; and it shall then be in posession of the house, but may be withdrawn at any time before it has been amended or a decision had upon it.

40. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, but—

a. To adjourn.
b. To take recess.
c. To lie on the table.
d. To take the previous question.
e. To postpone to a day certain.
f. To refer or commit.
g. To amend.
h. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order named; and no motion to refer, postpone to a certain day, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be allowed again on the same day at the same stage of the question.

41. On the demand of any member before a question is put, it shall be divided, if it includes two distinct substantive propositions, but a motion to strike out and insert is not divisible.

42. When different motions are made with respect to filling blanks, the longest time and the largest sum shall be first put.

43. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it has been seconded and the mover recognized by the president.

VIII. AMENDMENTS.

44. When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order, and it shall also be in orde [illegible] 'er

amendment in the form of a substitute for the entire proposition, and to this substitute an amendment may be offered, but which shall not be voted upon until the original motion is perfected.

45. A motion to amend cannot be modified after the previous question is seconded.

46. An amendment to the Rules of Order shall not be entertained, unless it be seconded by a majority of the members present.

IX. RECONSIDERATION.

47. When a motion or resolution has been offered and carried or lost, it shall be in order for any member (who has voted with the majority on the same or succeeding day) to move the reconsideration thereof, and such motion shall take precedence of all motions, except to adjourn or to take recess.

48. A motion to reconsider is not debatable, unless the question proposed to be reconsidered was debatable.

X. THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

49. The previous question on any motion, after a reasonable time has been allowed to discuss it, may be called. The call, to be entertained, must be made by at least one-fifth of the members present, rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? And until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendments or debate on the main question. The effect of this motion, when sustained, shall be to bring the Judicatory to a direct vote on all the amendments then pending in their proper order, and on the main question itself.

50. The previous question shall apply in cases of privilege, as in other cases.

XI. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

51. Questions of privilege shall be: 1. Those affecting the right of the Judicatory collectively; its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings. 2. The rights, the reputation, and conduct of the members individually in their representative capacity. And shall have precedence of all questions, except to adjourn and to take recess.

52. It shall not be a matter of privilege to have received

and entered upon the minutes a protest of a member or members against the action of a Judicatory.

53. Any member who may feel himself personally aggrieved by the action of a Judicatory, may, if he require it, have the ayes and nays recorded on the matter of grievance.

XII. APPEALS.

54. An appeal from the decision of the president on any point of order may be taken by any member, who may briefly state the reasons for his appeal, and to which the president may reply, if he deem it needful, and the vote shall be taken without further debate. The form of stating the question shall be: "*Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the Judicatory?*"

55. A question of appeal cannot be reconsidered after other business has been done.

56. An appeal is not in order while another appeal is pending.

XIII. THE MOTION TO LIE ON THE TABLE.

57. The motion to lie on the table may be used to make room for more important matters, in order to take up the matter at a more convenient time, or quickly to make a final disposition of it.

58. This motion takes precedence of all other motions, except to adjourn and take recess, and shall be decided without debate.

59. All that adheres to the subject of the motion goes on the table with it, except it be on a motion to correct the minutes.

60. When this motion is made and lost, it cannot again be made until some change or alternation has been made in the question under consideration.

61. A negative vote on a motion to lie on the table may be reconsidered; but if a vote to reconsider be laid on the table, that cannot be rec[illegible]

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS.

62. The Rules of Order may be suspended by unanimous consent.

63. A motion to amend the Rules of Order shall lie over one day, and it shall require a two-third vote to carry the amendment.

64. Any Judicatory may sit with closed doors if, in its judgment, the matter under consideration requires it.

65. Election for officers, delegates to higher Judicatories, members of boards, etc., shall be by ballot; but any Judicatory may make its elections by acclamation, if it so elect.

66. It shall not be in order for less than a quorum to take recess.

67. A motion to take recess may be offered while another question is pending, or while the floor is held by another member with his consent.

68. The motion to adjourn, to take recess, to lie on the table, and for the previous question, shall be taken without debate.

69. The ayes and nays on any question shall be recorded on the demand of five members.

70. Before the final adjournment of any Judicatory the roll shall be called, and all members absent without permission shall, by the stated clerk, be reported to the body which they were sent to represent.

71. At the final adjournment, after the Judicatory has united with the president in the repetition of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, he shall pronounce the apostolic benediction, and declare the Judicatory now adjourned to meet as already ordered.

The Bar of the House was defined to extend from the front of the chancel to the rear of the middle window of the church.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at half-past one and close at four o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Revs. John Vogt, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., William A. Hale, Austin Henry and Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Edwin R. Williard, Abraham Bolliger, Elders Samuel Runkel, and Edward Andre.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Louis B. C. Lahr, Edward M. Beck, William A. From, Elders John Leonard, and Robert M. Kinney.

Overtures.—Revs. Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., John J. M. Gruber, Daniel R. Taylor, Elders Samuel Runkel and Isaac Royer.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., William H. Shults, John Wagoner, and Edward Andre.

State of Religion.—Revs. William A. Hale, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Samuel Z. Beam, Elders Robert Miller and Joshua Scott.

Missions.—Revs. John M. Kendig, Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., James T. Hale, Elders John Leonard and Henry Rees.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, John M. Kendig, Nathaniel H. Loose, Elders Jacob Klee and Isaac Royer.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, John J. Leberman, William A. Hale, Elders Abraham Dickerhoff, and John Coy.

Sunday-Schools and Catechisation.—Revs. Geo. H. Leonard, Edwin R. Williard, Nathanial H. Loose, Elders John Leonard and Henry Rees.

Publication.—Revs. Simon P. Myers, William H. Shults, Jacob Ihle, Elders Joshua Scott and Joseph Wise.

Finance.—Revs. Reuben Keller, John J. M. Gruber, Elders John Wagoner and Robert M. Kinney.

Nominations.—Revs. John J. Leberman, Geo. H. Souder, Jerome B. Henry, Elders Edward Andre and Isaac Royer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received and respectively referred:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions and of its Treasurer, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. The reports of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and of the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, with that of the Financial Agent, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

5. The report of the Board of Sunday-Schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools and Catechisation.

6. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Several communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for the facts therein contained.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod observed during its present sessions the following religious services:

1. The synod spent the first half-hour of each morning session, except on Monday, in devotional services, and the sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee, appointed by the last synod and consisting of the pastor *loci* and officers of synod, submitted the following report, which was received and as amended adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services would submit the following report:

Reformed Church, Delaware.—Thursday evening, synodical sermon by Rev. W. A. Hale, the retiring president. Friday evening, "The True Idea of the Sunday-School," by Rev. E. R. Williard. Saturday evening, "Temperance" or "The Necessity for Constitutional Prohibition," by Rev. S. B. Yockey. Sunday evening, "Christ the Power in the Work of Missions," by Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Saturday afternoon, preparatory services, sermon by Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., and liturgical services by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D. Sunday morning, communion service, sermon by Rev. H. Rust, D. D., and liturgical service by Rev. N. H. Loose, and distribution of the sacramental symbols by ministers of synod.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., and Sunday evening, Rev. J. J. Leberman.

M. E. Church.—Sunday afternoon, Rev. D. R. Taylor.

William Street M. E. Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. J. M. Kendig.

Reformed Church at Prospect.—Revs. M. Loucks and R. Keller.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday evening, 6 p. m., addresses by Revs. A. Henry and L. B. C. Lahr.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN VOGT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the minutes of the last Ohio Synod, and one copy of the minutes of the late General Synod, were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted the following re-

port, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that they find the following items claim the attention of synod:

I. MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Item 1, page 28. The classes are directed to pay their missionary apportionments in semi-annual installments.

Item 2, page 29. The Board of Missions is urged to take possession of large and important fields as soon as possible.

Item 3, page 30. Board of Church Erection instructed in reference to raising a Ministers' Church Erection Fund.

Item 4, page 31. Shelby Classis requested to refer all mission points within its bounds to synod's board.

Item 5, page 31. Tuscarawas Classis requested to comply with synod's apportionment for church erection.

Item 6, page 40. The Theological Seminary Professors requested to visit congregations and assist in raising funds for the seminary.

Item 7, page 40. The Theological Seminary Professors are requested to discontinue their pastoral work, and devote their entire time to the seminary.

Item 8, page 41. The Stated Clerk instructed to furnish the Theological Professors with the action of synod.

Item 9, page 52. The Stated Clerk authorized to procure and distribute Sunday-school blanks.

Item 10, page 54. Iowa and Northern Illinois Classes requested to comply with the synod's action in reference to apportionments.

Item 11, page 57 and 58. The Board of Publication directed to take the necessary steps to become an incorporated body.

Item 12, page 58. Treasurer of Board of Publication required to give bond for $500.

Item 13, page 58. The Stated Clerk instructed to have 1,200 copies of the minutes of synod printed and distributed.

Item 14, page 63. Treasurer of Synod authorized to pay to Treasurer of Seminary money from sale of liturgies.

Item 15, page 63. Apportionments on classes.

Item 16, page 67. The Stated Clerk instructed to publish memorial services and resolutions in the *Christian World* and the *Messenger*.

Item 17, page 70. Arrangements for religious services at synod in Delaware, O., placed in the hands of Dr. Vogt, pastor *loci*, and the officers of synod.

Item 18, page 72. The Stated Clerk instructed to return thanks to several railroad companies.

II. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 19, page 9. The Rules of Order adopted by the General Synod for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 20, page 56. The cause of Home Missions is commended to the district synods and their boards, and to adopt action to increase contributions.

Item 21, page 65. The district synods are enjoined to remember the cause of Foreign Missions in their prayers and offerings.

Item 22, page 95 and 96. The General Synod sets apart the third Sunday in January of each year as a Memorial Festival of the Reformation.

Item 23, page 102. The apportionment of General Synod to the Ohio Synod as follows: 1. For contingent expenses $235. 2. For harbor missions $235.

Item 24, page 104 and 108. The next triennial meeting of the General Synod will be held in Grace Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 1, A. D. 1887, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER,
EDWIN R. WILLIARD,
ABRAHAM BOLLIGER,
EDWARD ANDRE,
SAMUEL RUNKEL,
Committee.

This report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24; items 2 and 3 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; for action in item 7 see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; item 12 was adopted and the subject matter thereof referred to the

Board of Publication; items 14 and 16 were adopted, and report received as attended to; items 15 and 23 were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; for action in item 19 see Article IV., Rules of Order; for resolution in item 20 see Article XIII., Missions; for action in item 22, see Article XX., Church Government.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the session on Friday afternoon, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to submit the following report. The committee desires to state that many of the minutes are in a very irregular condition and contain many discrepencies. The committee would recommend that peremptory instructions be given stated clerks of classes concerning transcripts of minutes to synod:

I. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. With reference to synod's refusal to accede to the request of Tuscarawas Classis (synod of W. Alexandria, page 31) that body recalls the attention of synod to its former respectful action.

2. St. Joseph Classis overtures synod to ratify all that action taken by it at a special meeting at Plymouth, Ind., November 27, 1883, when it felt itself obliged to transact business without a constitutional quorum.

3. Eastern Ohio Classis requests synod to excuse discrepency in date of its last annual meeting and ratify its proceedings.

4. Northern Illinois Classis asks to be excused from paying apportionments for Church Erection, Beneficiary Education and Theological Seminary for 1883-84.

5. Shelby Classis overtures synod to be released from part of synodical apportionment.

6. Tiffin Classis requests synod to give a deliverance on the reception of students or candidates for the ministry under the care of a classis, who have not transferred their church

membership to churches within the bounds of the classis under whose care they request to be taken.

7. Tiffin Classis requests synod to take measures to relieve the indebtedness on the Lima Mission.

8. Kansas Classis asks to be excused from non-attendance at synod on account of distance and expense.

9. Iowa Classis requests to be released from past and future apportionments except contingent expenses.

10. Eastern Ohio Classis requests synod to instruct its Stated Clerk to have the minutes of synod ready for publication at least six weeks after the meeting of synod.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

11. Eastern Ohio, Miami, Lancaster, St. Joseph, Northern Illinois and Shelby Classes adopt instructions of synod concerning prompt payment of mission apportionment.

12. Lancaster and Tuscarawas Classes comply with synod's instruction concerning church erection.

13. Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Northern Illinois, Shelby and Tuscarawas Classes agree to urge pastors to keep the cause of missions before the people and to organize missionary societies.

14. Eastern Ohio and Tiffin Classes accept apportionment for Theological Seminary.

15. Eastern Ohio, Lancaster, Northern Illinois, Tuscarawas and Tiffin Classes adopt synod's recommendation concerning use of catechism in Sunday-schools.

16. St. Joseph Classis dissents from above recommendation.

17. All the classes accept the financial apportionment in full except Iowa and Kansas Classes.

18. Iowa Classis declares that synod is in error in declaring that Iowa Classis asks to be relieved from all apportionments, since said classis pays contingent expenses.

19. Kansas Classis accepts only apportionment on missions and contingent fund.

20. Eastern Ohio, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Shelby and Miami Classes accept synod's action concerning Zwingli memorial services.

21. Iowa Classis considers itself at liberty to devote Zwingli memorial collections to other than object specified.

22. Eastern Ohio, Lancaster, Northern Illinois, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. Joseph and Shelby Classes, accede to synod's request to make collections for St. Paul's Orphan Home.

23. Iowa Classis pledges $25 to Olevianus monument fund.

24. Northern Illinois Classis accepts a resolution of synod that no more money be paid delegates from Northern Illinois Classis until said classis pays all arrearages to this fund.

25. Northern Illinois Classis dissents from the form of the meeting of Ohio Synod.

26. Lancaster Classis adopts Synod's recommendation in regard to publications.

27. St. Joseph Classis adopts the instruction to pastors to preach special sermons to secure a larger attendance of students for the ministry.

III. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

28. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. J. M. Kendig from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. F. A. Edmonds from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod, Rev. R. B. Reichard from Miami Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn from Tuscarawas Classis. Dismissed Rev. M. H. Groh to Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod, Rev. J. Herold to Erie Classis, Central Synod.

29. Northern Illinois Classis received Rev. Geo. Weber, and Rev. I. A. Sites from Iowa Classis.

30. Shelby Classis received Rev. J. A. Seitz from Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. S. Shade to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

31. Tiffin Classis licensed and ordained G. C. Gerlach and F. M. Shults; licensed N. F. Peters, W. F. Harpster, J. D. Thomas, J. C. Schaaf; dismissed Rev. J. C. Schaaf to Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. G. C. Gerlach to St. Joseph Classis, Rev. F. M. Shults to Lancaster Classis, Rev. W. A. Long and Licentiate N. F. Peters to Juniata Classis, Rev. J. J. M. Gruber to Tuscarawas Classis; received Rev. S. Z. Beam from Westmoreland Classis; revoked license of W. F. Harpster.

32. Kansas Classis received Rev. J. F. Graf from Ursinus Classis, Northwestern Synod, Rev. I. G. Brown from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod, Rev. G. W. Remagen from Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod; licensed and ordained Solomon A. Alt.

33. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. J. R. Skinner to St. Joseph Classis and received Rev. F. M. Shults from Tiffin Classis.

34. Tuscarawas Classis received Licentiate J. C. Schaaf from Tiffin Classis, Rev. A. R. Kremer from Virginia Classis, Potomac Syond, Rev. J. J. M. Gruber from Tiffin Classis and Rev. J. J. Excell from M. E. Church; licensed and ordained F. Mayer. Dismissed Rev. E. D. Wettach to Philadelphia Classis, Synod of United States, Rev. G. W. Remagen to Kansas Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn to Eastern Ohio Classis.

35. Miami Classis dismissed Rev R. B. Reichard to Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. G. W. H. Smith to Lancaster Classis, Rev. M. F. Frank to Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

36. Iowa Classis licensed John Albright and dismissed Rev. J. W. Brown to Northern Illinois Classis.

37. St. Joseph Classis dismissed Rev. D. H. Reiter to the Congregational Church, Rev. S. P. Myers to Shelby Classis; ordained Licentiate Wm. A. From; received R. F. Oplinger from Shelby Classis, Rev. J. R. Skinner from Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. C. Gerlach from Tiffin Classis; dismissed Rev. S. P. Myers to Tiffin Classis.

IV. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

38. Miami Classis will meet in Beach Grove Church, New Madison charge, Darke County, Ohio, first Thursday after full moon, May 28, A. D. 1885, at 1.30 p. m. Rev. D. Winters, D. D., President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

39. Lancaster Classis will meet in Thornville, Perry County, O., on the first Thursday on or before full moon in May 28, A. D. 1885, 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. B. Henry, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

40. Tuscarawas Classis will meet at No. 16 Tuscarawas charge, Stark County, Ohio, on Thursday, June 4, 1885 at 3 p. m. Rev. E. H. Otting, President; Rev. R. C. Zartman, Stated Clerk; Mr. E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

41. Tiffin Classis will meet at Lindsey, Sandusky County, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 28, A. D. 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Tre-

42. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet at North Jackson, of the Canfield-Warren charge, Mahoning County, Ohio, on the first Thursday before full moon in June, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. M. Kendig, President; Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk; Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

43. Northern Illinois Classis will meet at Dakota, Stephenson County, Illinois, on the last Thursday in May, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. S. Mease, D. D., President; Rev. J. Wolbach, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer.

44. Shelby Classis will meet in Buckhart Church; Mt. Zion charge, Christian County, Ill., on the Thursday on or before full moon in September, A. D. 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. H. Shuford, President; Rev. J. F. Butler, Stated Clerk; Mr. John Runkel, Treasurer.

45. Iowa Classis will meet at Leighton, Mahaska County, Iowa, on Wednesday, October 14, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. G. A. House, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

46. St. Joseph Classis will meet at Three Rivers, Mich., on the last Thursday in May, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. K. Zartman, President; Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, Stated Clerk; Rev. F. F. Christine, Treasurer.

47. Kansas Classis will meet at Cheney, Sedgwick County, Kansas, on the first Thursday after Pentecost, May 28, A. D. 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. A. R. Holshouser, President; Rev. D. J. Greenwald, Stated Clerk; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. C. LAHR, *Chairman.*

The following disposition was made of this report: In item 1 synod reiterated its action of last year (Minutes 1883, page 31); the requests in items 2, 3 and 8 were granted; items 4 and 9 were adopted, and the requests therein *not* granted; in item 5 synod respectfully declines to accede to the overture (see Minutes 1883, page 31); for report in item 6 see Article XX., Church Government; item 7 was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; item 16 adopted, and recommendation of synod renewed; item 17 adopted and the action of synod reiterated to none-accepting classes; item 19 adopted and the said classis requested to accede to the action of synod. The following items were adopted, namely, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, and all items from 20 to 47 inclusive.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was considered item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole:

Your committee would beg leave to submit the following report:

1. An overture from Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., asking an excuse of absence from the sessions of this synod because of illness.

2. A communication from Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, president of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN. J. M. GRUBER, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: In item 1 the request was granted; item 2 was adopted and the subject matter referred to a special committee, for whose report see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted the following refort, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave respectfully to report:

That no application for examination or ordination was made to your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the session on Friday evening, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—It is with great gr

God for his mercy and grace that we review another year's labor in his vineyard, who giveth to every man what is right. And we render unto the Lord thanksgiving and praise for his countless mercies bestowed upon us and his long-suffering in bearing with us.

The subject committed to us, to investigate and lay before you is one that involves a greater acquaintance than it is possible to gain from the reports that have come into our hands. It is with fear and trembling that we attempt to review our work as the embassadors of the great salvation. Yet it is meet and right as well as our duty to arrange, as far as possible, the results of our labors, both that we may see the measure of gratitude we owe him who alone giveth the increase, and receive encouragement or be admonished as the trust has been faithfully or unfaithfully kept. There are tokens of the great Shepherd's approbation and favor that follow fidelity on our part, tokens that gladden our hearts and seal our ministry as the called of God, and it is for these that we wait as those that watch for the morning. "By their fruits ye shall know them," warrents us in looking for the sheaves when the harvest time is here, while the withered fig tree rebukes empty pretentions.

It is a potent fact that church prosperity is commensurate with the consecration of her pastors, whatever importance may be accorded the various positions in the ecclesiastical body. The first belongs pre-eminently to that order that deals directly with the churches, and our progress as a denomination, our influence and our destiny, all rest with the zeal, piety, capacity and fidelity of our pastors. It is to these men that the Master says, "Go preach, and lo I am with you always even unto the end."

Of our pastors the records show that the word of God has been preached in its purity. The supreme importance of the gospel has been magnified, and generally their hearts have been rejoiced with an increased attendance upon their ministry amidst the clamor of unbelief that "the pulpit has lost its power." It is very gratifying to learn of growing congregations and increasing interests in the gospel of Christ, and we have no doubt that where the gospel has been preached in its purity, the gospel of blood and salvation by

faith in Christ, there will be a steadfast growth in numbers, power and godliness.

Of the sacraments we are told that they have been regularly administered, as the occasion required, that the communion seasons have proved according to the promised times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. No consideration can furnish Christians so great comfort as the intimate union established between Christ and his children in the holy supper. He, whose love to us was stronger than death, invites us to keep before our minds this awful but delightful truth that he will be our Judge, and judgment will acquit the divine life of the Son of God wherever found, and that if we eat his flesh and drink his blood, as the living Father sent him to be a propitiation for our sins, so he will raise us up at the last day to the dignity of kings and priests unto God. There is a growing regard for the holy supper, and pastors are holding up the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

Of infant baptism many of the reports made no mention. The statistical tables show, however, that it has not been neglected, and we trust that the custom of our fathers in this Christian duty is not falling into disrepute. The authorities of our church cannot insist to strongly upon pastors urging the importance of infant baptism.

There is one branch of church work that receives a large share of attention, viz: Sunday-schools, and it is a source of great encouragement to note that the number of schools nearly equal the number of congregations, that the work is progressing. But even here there is room for greater diligence and a fruitful field of culture. Sunday-school conventions seem to have been somewhat neglected. Why this is so we do not know, but can see how that meeting at the time they do, when many pastors are away on their vacation, and when the heat of the summer is greatest, that excuses for non-attendence could be easily formed. A church organized as ours must get great good from Christian conference as these conventions afford. But as the synod has provided for this branch of her trust in the Committee on Sunday-Schools we will leave the matter in their hands.

Catechisation. We feel, when approaching this subject

that it is holy ground. We have seen the good fruit that grew from this virgin soil—the one hundred fold—so often gathered that with reverence and awe we stand in the presence of the opportunity to form the character and save the youth of our families, and bless God that the genius and customs of our church have preserved for us the blessings of the catechetical class. Many of our pastors have seized the opportunity thus offered and have sought the full, free and gracious fruit of well-spent toil with such as are of the kingdom of heaven. Those fields, where this duty has been most faithfully discharged, are the fertile and strong charges in our Reformed Zion. It was impossible for us to determine whether there was that improvement here that the interests of the church demand, but trust that it is receiving the faithful attention as it constitutes one of the sacred trusts of our pastors.

The social and moral life of the church seems to be growing stronger. The meeting for prayer and praise and those societies for the intellectual and moral culture of our people, where the laity become leaders, and are led to greater personal consecration, are spreading their influence and strengthening the walls of our Zion. The great temperance reform has received very much help from a people who, while not the foremost, are not the last to assist in the good work.

For what we have done in benevolence I must refer you to a comparative statistical report which I will submit for your inspection.

There is one subject that I feel we ought not to pass by and that is the subject of evangelism. No church occupies a more desirable position than ours, and while we combine the excellencies of catechisation, with those of a fixed pastorate, there are some things we love. These we feel could be recovered by a synodical evangelist—a thoroughly faithful minister of our church—an able preacher possessing in a high degree those gifts that arouse, awaken, convince and whom no doubt God would use in an eminently successful degree for his honor and our profit. The methods of such work would suggest themselves, and results, we believe, warrant synod in taking some such a step. And now, brethren, let us thank

God for what prosperity he has given us and seek greater usefulness that his name may have the greater glory.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HALE, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports were received and considered, and also afterwards adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

To the Ohio Synod:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—We beg leave to report the progress and condition of our work, and of the several missions under our care. A faithful exhibit will bring to your notice the usual lights and shadows of ministerial experience and church work—an extended field, sparsely settled with Reformed families and church organizations—a scarcity of ministers to occupy the ground, and a lack of funds to adequately support the men and carry forward the the work—these are the well-known obstacles in the way of our more vigorously following up the work committed to our hands. We have in all fourteen missions under our care. Two have but recently been organized. One, Canal Fulton, has chosen to be self-sustaining in preference to submitting to the classical reconstruction.

The following statement in detail will give some idea of the standing and promise of our several mission churches and charges:

1. *Jerusalem Mission.* The age of this mission and the assistance rendered by the church at large, has suggested both to the classis and board the desirableness of their soon relieving the church of further assistance, either by some reconstruction or by more heroic efforts to bear themselves the burdens of a self-sustaining charge. The appropriation for this year is $200, with the understanding that this amount be decreased $50 annually.

The former missionary having resigned, the field was vacant

for most of the year, until the licentiate, F. M. Shults, of Tiffin Theological Seminary, was commissioned, and took charge June 1st, 1884. Congregations 4, members 130, unconfirmed 52. Three Sunday-schools report 205 scholars.

2. *Greenville, O.* Vacant since the resignation of Rev. G. H. Souder last spring. The classis in whose bounds this church is situated has been considering the possibility of adding neighboring churches, and hence, for the present, ask for no appropriation from the board. We heartily join in the prayer that their efforts may be crowned with success.

3. *Paulding O.* Vacant for most of the year, save as supplied under direction of the board and Tiffin Classis. Efforts are now being made looking to a permanent supply, which shall presently end in a fixed pastorate, when the student supply shall be ready to be commissioned.

The board's failure to secure a permanent pastor has probably had the effect of crippling the interest, and yet the outlook is said to be promising. No report. The standing of the three congregations is about that of last year, 59 members.

4. *Lima, O.* This field was made vacant during the year by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Long, and remained so until July 1st, when the board secured the services of Rev. S. Z. Beam, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

This accession to our working force was hailed with joy by the board, and it was hoped that new light and life would come into this somewhat disheartened and disheartening field. An indebtedness of $1,300 rests on the church. Instead of 35 members as reported last year, the entire list reaches only 31, including the pastor's family. While leaving out those who have removed outside the bounds, there is a working force of not exceeding a dozen members, and they without an organized consistory. There are 8 unconfirmed members, 6 were received by certificate, 12 communed, 1 Sunday-school of 15 scholars. Appropriation, $500. The missionary is not in despair, nor is the board, notwithstanding these facts.

The removals, involving men, means and influence, have been a heavy blow, yet the city with its thousands remains, and our money spent and labor done will not justify the thought of abondoning the field. But the indebtedness which is a present incubus must be removed, or the parties holding

claims, at least, be satisfied, or what has been spent on this interest will be lost, and the life and hope of an English interest in Lima be gone. Delay beyond a month or two is worse than dangerous—it is death. The mission and the board must have more than "the prayers of the church."

5. *Ft. Wayne, Ind.* Rev. T. J. Bacher, pastor, organized Pentecost, 1883, with 50 members, present number 102, Sunday-school scholars 66. Outlook promising. People active and possessed of a self-sacrificing spirit.

In July last their neat chapel, a brick structure with 300 sittings, and costing, including furniture, $3,650, was dedicated free of debt. The indebtedness of $1,750 on the lot is being reduced as fast as the interests of the mission will allow. Pastor's appropriation is $800.

6. *Kentland, Ind.* Rev. G. C. Gerlach, pastor since June 1st, 1884, the former pastor, Rev. S. P. Myers, having resigned last spring. Appropriation. Congregations 2, members 39, unconfirmed 6, infant baptism 1, adult 1, certificate 5, Sunday-schools 2, and scholars 70. Work brightening and missionary encouraged.

7. *Holton, Kans.* Rev. H. Shumaker, pastor; appropriation, $400. Congregation 1, members 26, unconfirmed 11, received by certificate 3, no organized Sunday-school, church lot paid, congregation worships in court house.

Immediate prospects of building up the church not so flattering. To build a church on their lot involves aid from abroad; not to build leaves them under the embarrassment of an unsuitable place of worship. The mission paid during the year $175 for all purposes, less than $50 of which was paid the pastor.

8. *Lyons, Kans.* Rev. A. R. Holshouser, pastor; appropriation, $300. Congregation 1, communicant members 20, a number being lost by removal during the year, unconfirmed 21, a Sunday-school of 18 members, a new church dedicated last spring, the cost of which is provided for by subscriptions, 4 members added by certificate, and others are expected to come in by letter and confirmation this fall; benevolent contribution $10, congregational purposes $150.

The faithful and hopeful pastor sees encouragement in the future, and is zealously engaged in looking up the surrounding country.

9. *New Basil, Kans.* (*German*). Rev. A. Bolliger, pastor; appropriation, $100. Congregation 1; salary paid by the church, $400. Definite statistics for the year not reported. A zealous missionary battles against the common evils of the world, and sees the work prospering. At the request of mission and missionary the field will be self-sustaining after January 1st, 1885.

10. *Wathena, Kans.* (*German*). Rev. J. F. Graf, pastor; appropriation, $100. Congregation 1, members 82, unconfirmed 94, 1 Sunday-school of 70 scholars; benevolence $28.50, congregational purposes, $410.

The faithful pastor sees promise, and recommends a German English minister and outside work, as the means of making the field self-supporting at an early day.

11. *Altamont, Ill.* Still vacant as reported last year, though board has made repeated efforts to secure a pastor. Lately the churches united with the board in calling Rev. J. F. Butler, who now holds a commission from this board, and is considering the question of its acceptance. The appropriation is $150, and the mission pledge, $250.

The brother called has been rendering acceptable services as supply for a time, and it is hoped he will see his way clear to accept. Congregations 3, members 59, Sunday-schools 2, scholars 85, and, on the whole, a condition of things is reported, under the circumstances, encouraging.

12. *Liberty Centre*, in Tiffin Classis, appropriation, $75. Recently taken under the care of the board. Now vacant, but arrangements are being made to supply the vacancy.

13. *Venice Mission.* Rev. S. Shaw, pastor; appropriation, $200. This lies in Seneca County, and is in the bounds of Tiffin Classis, at whose request it was taken under the care of the board at its last meeting.

Two congregations, one at Caroline, organized in May, 1880, and the other at Carrothers, in May, 1883, each with 12 members; present membership 67 confirmed, and 36 unconfirmed. On the 28th of September last the new church at Carrothers was consecrated, the entire cost, $1,500, being provided for. The churches pledge themselves for $250, and the board has encouragement that they will need, for but a shore time, outside aid. Previous to May last they were supplied by the present pastor, in connection with his former field.

14. *Springfield, O.* Rev. E. R. Williard, pastor; appropriation, $600.

This is our youngest mission, organized September 21st, 1884. The result of the explorations of Miami Classis, in whose bounds it is located, during the last year. Definite classical action last spring pointed to an early organization, and the board's attention was called to the ripening field. The commission as above was given, and an organization effected with forty-two members, under what seem to be most favorable circumstances.

The pastor has already settled in their midst, and gone to work amid the encouragement of his congregation, the classis and the board. A Sunday-school numbering 56 members, as the board has been advised, has since then been organized, and the entire machinery for church work has been put in place and set in motion. For this good beginning and bright prospects we are all glad and thankful.

It is to be regretted that the board has not been able to see its way clear to explore the larger cities to which attention is from time to time called, as Chicago, Indianapolis, and Cleveland. The treasurer's statement will best show in how far we come short of synod's apportionments.

It would be a gratification to the board, as to the entire church, to be able to give reports from each of the above named cities as encouraging as are those from Ft. Wayne and Springfield.

The right men in the right place, when spoken of these great centers, imply large appropriations liberally made, and promptly paid into the hands of the treasurer. Without that the "right man" would be in the wrong place.

Counting on the present number of missions fields and their appropriations, not less than $5,000 will be required during the coming year. Any new fields added will call for additional appropriations. We call special attention to this subject as well as the ways and means best calculated to gather the requisite funds for this end.

In this connection we are pleased to report the very liberal donation of Mrs. Magdalene Betz, of Columbiana, Ohio, who gave to the board, for immediate use, the sum of $300 during the year. We commend this liberal act to others, and recom-

mend that pastors throughout the church seek to encourage others to like good deeds.

Synod is reminded that the term of Revs. J. M. Kendig and J. J. Leberman expires at this meeting, and that the place of Rev. E. D. Wettach is also made vacant by his removal from our synodical bounds. Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
President of Board of Missions.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasuser, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 10, 1883, to October 10, 1884.*

DR.

Cash on hand	$ 26 37	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	589 54	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard	668 61	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer	449 83	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D	214 01	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger	677 00	
Northern Illinois Classis, Mrs. E. Frey	16 00	
Shelby Classis, John Runkel	32 20	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. A. K. Zartman	122 00	
Kansas Classis, Rev. D. B. Shuey	71 00	
By a friend, Christmas gift	25 00	
Rev. L. M. Kerschner	2 00	
Dan. Keen	3 00	
J. A. Lee	4 00	
Third Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. C. Clever	42 16	
Rev. G. W. Henning	5 25	
		$2,947 97

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Rev. S. P. Myers	412 64
Rev. T. J. Bacher	569 25
Rev. A. R. Holshouser	320 28
Rev. G. C. Gerlach	109 48
Rev. S. U. Snyder	48 07
Rev. J. Shultz	50 00
Rev. S. C. Goss	8 00
Rev. S. Z. Beam	182 05
Rev. J. V. Potts	15 00
Rev. F. W. Brown	25 01
Rev. J. F. Graf	101 85
Rev, J. J. Leberman	8 70
Rev. H. Shumaker	370 42
Rev. G. H Souder	133 33
Rev. J. R. Skinner	8 35
Rev. A. Bolliger	105 00
Rev. E. D. Wettach	5 50
Mr. R. Bell	2 00
Rev. J. M. Kendig	4 70
Rev. J. V. Lerch	52 95
Carried forward	$2,532 58

Amount brought forward	$2,582 58	
Rev. W. A. Long	117 16	
Postage, exchange and stationery	17 85	
Cash on hand	280 38	
		$2,947·97

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in United States.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 8, 1884.

1883.				DR.	
Oct.	22.	To cash from		Rev. G. H. Leonard Basil charge, Lancaster Classis	$ 50 90
Nov.	1.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	8 00
"	7.	"	"	Rev. E. R. Williard, Germantown charge, for Kentland Mission	8 45
Dec.	24.	"	"	Rev. A. Casselman, Thronville charge, for Lima Mission	66 00
1884.					
Feb.	4.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	3 31
March	7.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	12 04
"	17.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	4 86
April	19.	"	"	V. P. Van Horne, First Reformed Church, Dayton, for Kentland Mission	25 00
May	7.	"	"	Rev. A. Casselman, Thornville charge, for Kentland Mission	20 00
"	21.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	3 22
June	2.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	12 61
"	7.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	22 38
"	9.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	5 56
"	20.	"	"	Rev. A. K. Zartman, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	58 80
July	24.	"	"	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	9 50
Aug.	6.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	15 86
"	23.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	30 55
"	"	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	11 84
Oct.	4.	"	"	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	17 19
"	8.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	60 05
					$446 12

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Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 8, 1884.

1883.					
Oct.	22.	To cash to	Rev. W. A. Long for church at Lima, Ohio		$ 50 90
Nov.	7.	" "	Rev. S. P. Myers for the Kentland Mission Church		8 45
Dec.	24.	" "	Rev. W. A. Long for the Lima Mission Church		66 00
1884.					
April	22.	" "	Rev. S. P. Myers for the Kentland Mission Church		25 00
May	7.	" "	Rev. S P. Myers for the Kentland Mission Church		20 10
June	16.	" "	Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College		71 98
"	20.	" "	Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College		58 80
Sept.	17.	" "	Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College		65 00
Oct.	8.	" "	Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College		62 79
"	"	" "	Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heidelberg College		14 45
"	"	" "	for stationery, postage, and incidentals		2 75
					$446 12

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer*,

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, discussed, amended, and, together with the reports of the board and the treasurers, adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee begs leave to submit the following:

We have received, as the basis of our action, reports from the President and Treasurer of Missions, and also of Church Erection Board. Item 2, from report of Committee on Minutes of Synod, relating to large and important fields of labor, and instructing Board of Missions to occupy as soon as possible; item 3, same report, relating to Ministers' Church Erection Fund; item 20, in which General Synod urges adoption of measures to increase contributions for missions, and item referring the Lima Mission to this committee.

We learn from these papers that the Board of Missions has fourteen missions under its care, the most of which are reported to be in an encouraging condition. It has taken under its care three new missions during the year, and one has been declared self-sustaining. The cities referred to the board by this synod have been considered, but owing to want of

men and means, they could not be occupied. The treasurer reports the receipt of $2,947.97 during the year, an increase of $136 over last year. The board will require the sum of $5,000 to carry on the work now on hands, and more if the field be enlarged.

The Board of Church Erection finds itself hindered in its work because of the lack of funds. The debt assumed by the synod in 1875 is yet unpaid, and the creditor is anxious to have at least the interest due. This now amounts to $900, and ought to be provided for if at all possible.

One of the items relates to the Lima Mission. This is a mission that began under favorable auspices. A church was erected, costing, with lot, about $2,600. A debt of over $1,300 was incurred. This becomes a heavy burden. But in addition to this, removals from the city of several of the most prominent and active families have so weakened its working force as to render the case almost hopeless. And yet if the debt were removed a congregation might be built up; but it will require the fostering care of the church for years. It has been a perplexing question before the Board of Missions whether to stop at this point, or whether they shall continue under circumstances so discouraging.

With all the difficulties in the way the cause of missions may be regarded as in a reasonable degree of prosperity. More funds have been secured, and more missions occupied. If at all possible we ought to increase our labors, and so increase the results in our missionary activities.

As a solution to some of the questions arising in the consideration of this whole subject, we respectfully recommend the following:

Resolved, That this synod, in behalf of its ministers, elders, and members, promise, that by the help of God, we will raise the amount of $5,000 for missions during this year.

Resolved, That this synod recognizes the difficulties in the way of the Board of Missions in regard to the occupancy of large cities as directed a year ago, and while it does not censure nor blame, yet expresses its desire that as soon and as rapidly as the way is open, such cities shall be occupied.

WHEREAS, Our Church Erection work is seriously hindered through a lack of funds necessary to give the needed encour-

agement to such points of promise as require, to begin with, some outside material aid in order to encourage the work in the beginning, and insure success to the interest; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod appropriate for this purpose $4,000, to be apportioned among the several classes as follows: One-third and the interest the first year, one-third the second, and one-third the third year.

Resolved, That the Church Erection Board be instructed to borrow this amount at once, with directions to expend a sum not to exceed three-fourths of it on the Springfield Mission, and the balance on the Lima Mission, provided, in the judgment of the Boards of Missions and Church Erection, such last appropriation be deemed judicious. But with the proviso, in both cases, that the Board of Church Erection take a mortgage on the property in every case where such appropriation is made. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. Sabastian C. Goss, *President*, Wadsworth, O.
Rev. Charles M. Schaaf, *Secretary*, North Lima, O.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, Mr. Robert Bell.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. John J. M. Gruber, Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. John J. Leberman, Rev. John M. Kendig.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

———— ————, *President*, ————, ——.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg, O.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*,, Miamisburg, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman, Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Solomon Ream, Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 21 that the General Synod enjoined the district synods to remember the cause of Foreign Missions in their prayers and offerings. Thereupon, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod, approving of the action of the General Synod with respect to Foreign Missions, and believing the work to be in full accord with the spirit and purpose of Christianity, hereby recommends the cause to our pastors and congregations as worthy of their confidence, prayers, and contributions.

The amount of five thousand dollars for missions, designated in the first resolution of the report of the Committee on Missions, was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to be apportioned among the several classes.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio of the Reformed Church in the United States would submit the following report:

The board organized immediately after the meeting at West Alexandria, October 15, 1883, by electing the following officers:

Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *President.*

Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer.*

Mr. G. G. Prugh, *Secretary.*

The past year has been of deep anxiety and solicitude on the part of the board. This being the memorial year it was hoped that great things would be accomplished toward the fuller endowment of the seminary. Circulars were sent out among the people calling their attention to this matter and every means available was used to further the object in hand. Six meetings were held during the year, at each of which the all absorbing topic was finance—the full endowment of the seminary and providing means for the payment of the professors' salary. The collections for the immediate use of the seminary were inadequate. The Treasurer has been embarrassed and the professors are not paid in full.

The treasurer has done his whole duty in the efforts he made to collect the interest due on notes and investments, and yet the treasury is empty.

Some addition has been made to the endowment, which has mainly arisen from the special efforts put forth during this memorial year. But the endowment is still inadequate to meet the wants of the seminary, and a change in our mode of operation seems to be imperative. Experience has demonstrated the uselessness of depending on collections for the immediate use of the seminary, instead of a further increase of the endowment. Indeed the time appears to be at hand, when the work for a full endowment must be inaugurated. The "School of the Prophets," which has already been kept too long in the back-ground, must come to the front, or cease to exist. The special work of the seminary is too important to think of abandoning it, and the proper course is to devise ways and means to complete the endowment.

Last year the board submitted the propriety of appointing an agent, whose business it should be to collect for the permanent endowment at least $20,000. The board would venture this suggestion once more. The time of resolutions has gone by, and synodical and classical apportionments have been tried and found wanting. And while the present aspect of things is embarrassing to the board, it is discouraging and disheartening to our hard worked and poorly-paid professors, and disastrous to the usefulness of the seminary.

The claims of the seminary are as important as those of missions or benevolence. Let it be seen that one is not for-

gotten in the zeal for the other. It is to be hoped that this synod will devise some definite, positive, effectual measure for the relief of the seminary.

At the last meeting of the board it was resolved that a Committee on Finance should be appointed by the board directly after its organization, and said committee to co-operate with the treasurer and into whose hands all our investments should be placed and by them duly considered as to their safety.

One of said committee to be an attorney at law, if possible, or that said committee shall have the power of securing an attorney to co-operate with them without any expense to the board. This step has been taken in view of losses sustained in the past, and appreciating the delicacy involved in any one person assuming so much responsibility.

The work intrusted to your board is a solemn and important trust. The money given to the seminary is given to the Lord, and as such we are the guardian of the Lord's possessions. It is to be hoped that this synod will be solemnly impressed with the present attitude of affairs, and take such action as will afford speedy and permanent relief.

The term of the following brethren expire at this synod: Rev. S. B. Yockey and Mr. G. G. Prugh.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN, *President.*

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 8, 1884.

1883.		DR.	
Oct.	25.	To cash from Treasurer of Ohio Synod on sale of Liturgies.....	$91 40
Nov.	2.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed..	20 00
"	10.	" M. E. & J. Eshliman, Columbus, O., interest on money borrowed	96 00
"	12	" D. Wampler, deceased, West Brookfield, O., interest on note..	8 00
"	16.	" Mast and Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	4 00
"	21.	" Dr. D. Winters, Mt. Zion chge., per Tr. Miami Classis, appt. 1882	12 00
"	23.	" Rev. M. F. Frank, Farmersville, O., per Tr. Mi. Classis appt. 1882	9 57
"	23.	" Geo. W. Shearer, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed.....	36 00
"	24.	" Chas. B. Reber, Leaf River, Ill., interest on note	18 00
		Carried forward	$289 97

		Amount brought forward	$289 97
Nov.	26.	To Rev. B. F. Tucker, Bloom Centre ch., per Tr. Mi. Cl. appt., 1882	6 80
Dec.	4.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on notes	80 00
"	5.	" New Jefferson chge, per Tr. Eastern Ohio Classis, appt. 1882	16 94
"	7.	" Highland charge, per Tr. Miami Classis, appt. 1882	8 00
"	17.	" Shelbyville charge, Tr. Shelby Classis. appt. 1882	7 36
"	24.	" Mt. Zion chge., Rev. J. A. Seitz, Shelby Classis, appt. 1882	11 70
"	24.	" John Strock, Shelby, O., interest on note	3 00
1884.			
Jan.	10.	" Millersburg chge., Rev. J. Kuhn, Iowa Classis, appt. 1882	6 00
"	15.	" Canal Fulton chge., Rev. J. V. Lerch, Tus. Classis, appt. 1882	2 75
"	15.	" John N. Parr, admr. of estate of L. Parr, decd., interest in full	7 70
Feb.	4.	" Valley chge., Rev. M. Loucks, Tr. Miami Classis, appt. 1882	15 77
"	19.	" Farmers Friend Mfg. Co., Dayton, O., in. on money borrowed	175 20
March	17.	" Henry Leonard, Basil, O., interest on note	6 00
"	17.	" Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on note	1 50
April	7.	" Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on note	1 50
"	17.	" Chr. Gross & Brother, Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	30 00
"	23.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, Ohio, interest on notes	80 00
May,	3.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	20 00
"	21.	" Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Tr. Lancaster Classis, appt. 1882	16 61
"	27.	" Rev. John H. Beck, Mt. Eaton, O., interest on note	1 00
June	2.	" Valley chge., Rev. M. Loucks, per Tr. Miami Classis, appt. 1882	5 02
"	2.	" Mt. Carmel chge., Rev. A. Hawker, Tr. Mi. Cl., appt. 1882	16 20
"	9.	" Highland charge, Noah Setta, per Tr. Mi. Cl., appt. 1882	9 05
July	15.	" Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Tr. Lancaster Classis, appt. 1882	63 00
"	24.	" St. Michael's charge, per Tr. Tiffin Classis, appt. 1883	2 00
"	24.	" Zion's charge, per Tr. Tiffin Classis, appt. 1883	1 50
"	24.	" Ada charge, per Tr. Tiffin Classis, appt. 1883	5 00
"	24.	" Helena charge, per Tr. Tiffin Classis, appt. 1883	10 59
"	24.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	3 65
Aug.	4.	" Mt. Zion cong., Dr. D. Winters, per Tr. Mi. Cl. synod appt. 1883	5 50
"	6.	" M. E. & J. Eshliman, per Geo. A. Grove, in. on money borrowed	78 15
Sept.	15.	" Rev. Isaac Matzinger, per Rev. Dr. H. Rust, for immediate use	2 50
"	15.	" Rev. J. B. Kniest, Buffalo, N. Y., for immediate use, per Dr. Good	28 72
"	15.	" J.D.Gougar, Esq., Lafayette, Ind., for immed. use, per Dr. Good	5 00
"	15.	" Mrs. Susan H. Good, Tiffin, O., for immediate use, per Dr. Good	10 00
"	15.	" Mrs. Susan B. Good, Reading, Pa., immed. use, per Dr. Good	50 00
Oct.	1.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, Ohio, Interest on notes	80 00
"	8.	" John Strock, Shelby, Ohio, interest on note	3 00
"	8.	" Joseph Slough, Delaware, Ohio, interest on note	6 00
"	8.	" Edward Andre, Tr. Grace Reformed Church, appt. 1883	5 39
"	8.	" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Tr. Lancaster Classis, appt. 1883	26 25
"	8.	" balance due the Treasurer	419 91
			$1,624 23

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 8, 1884.

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By cash paid		Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary	$718 26
"	"	Prof. H. Rust, D. D., on salary	778 50
"	"	for recording three mortgages	2 90
"	"	Reformed Publishing Co., for printing 1,000 circulars	4 50
"	"	Reformed Pub. Co., for printing Zwingli memorial cir., &c	30 10
"	"	for postage stamps Zwingli memorial circulars, &c	12 00
"	"	for incidental expenses Zwingli memorial celebration	3 45
"	"	for printing catalogue of Heid. Col. and Seminary, 1884	10 00
		Carried forward	$1,559 71

Amount brought forward	$1,559 71
By cash paid for bank exchanges during the year	1 35
" " Dr. Good, as per bill of expenses in operating for Z. M. F	49 03
" expenses to Eaton, O., to invest funds	2 80
" cash for stationery, postage and incidentals during the year	11 34
	$1,624 23

ENDOWMENT FUND.*

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1883.					
Oct.	10.	To balance in the treasury			*$819 81
1884.					
Jan.	10.	" cash per Rev. J. Kuhn, Millersburg chge., Iowa Classis			6 00
"	10.	"	"	Rev. S. B. Mase, Tuscarawas chge., Tuscarawas Classis	10 10
"	11.	"	"	Rev. E. H. Otting, Union Charge, Tuscarawas Classis	62 00
"	12.	"	"	Rev. J. F. Busche, Ger. Ev. Church, New York	15 00
"	15.	"	"	Mr. Chr. Eshliman, Canal Fulton ch., Tus. Classis	20 00
"	15.	"	"	on note of L. Parr, dec'd., per John N. Parr, admt	*25 00
"	15.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Fostoria charge, Tiffin Classis	10 00
"	15.	"	"	Rev. J. A. Keller, Randolph charge, St. John's Classis	5 16
"	15.	"	"	Rev. R. C. Zartman, Wooster charge, Tuscarawas Classis	15 20
"	21.	"	"	Wom. Miss. Soc., Cedarville cong., Illinois Classis	11 25
"	22.	"	"	Rev. J. F. Butler, St. Paul's cong., Shelby Classis	10 00
"	29.	"	"	Rev. E. R. Williard, Germantown charge, Miami Classis	11 71
"	30.	"	"	Rev. J. A. Seitz, Mt. Zion charge, Shelby Classis	5 50
"	31.	"	"	Rev. E. M. Beck, Bristol charge, Tuscarawas Classis	11 60
Feb.	2.	"	"	Rev. F. C. Bauman, Harmony charge, Iowa Classis	17 00
"	13.	"	"	Rev. S. Ream, as an individual contribution	10 00
"	13.	"	"	Rev. S. Ream, Tremont City charge, Miami Classis	7 60
"	19.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Souder, Greenville charge, Miami Classis	2 00
"	19.	"	"	Rev. A. Gonser, West Salem charge, Tuscarawas Classis	33 35
March	5.	"	"	Rev. W. H. Herbert, as a personal contribution	25 00
"	5.	"	"	Rev. W. H. Herbert, Grindstone Hill charge, Pa	15 00
"	7.	"	"	Rev. A. Casselman, Thornville charge, Lancaster Classis	130 00
"	11.	"	"	Rev. J. A. Keller, on his note	20 00
April	1.	"	"	Mr. Jos. Oberlin, Tuscarawas charge, Tuscarawas Classis	12 21
"	2.	"	"	Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer, a donation	25 00
"	4.	"	"	Rev. E. D. Wettach, Reedsburg chge., Tuscarawas Classis	16 50
May	22.	"	"	Rev. M. F. Frank, Farmersville charge, Miami Classis	46 00
"	27.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Beck, Mt. Eaton, O., on note	50 00
June	9.	"	"	Mr. D. S. Drayer, Farmersville charge, Miami Classis	7 50
"	9.	"	"	Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Hamilton charge, Miami Classis	7 50
July	8.	"	"	Levi W. Mease, admt. of estate of Jos. Schock, dec'd	*68 59
"	15.	"	"	Rev. John T. Etter, New Glarus, Wis., contribution	11 00
Aug.	6.	"	"	M. E. & J. Eshliman, per Geo. A. Grove, on note in full	*1,200 00
"	26.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Shuford, Astoria charge, Shelby Classis	4 50
Sept.	15.	"	"	Rev. W. A. Hale, Dayton, Ohio, per Dr. Good	50 00
"	15.	"	"	Miss Sarah M. Wolff, Lancaster, Pa., per Dr. Good	25 00
"	15.	"	"	Miss Mary E. Gormley, Lancaster, Pa., per Dr. Good	10 00
"	15.	"	"	Charles Santee, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., per Dr. Good	50 00
"	15.	"	"	Samuel Dressler, Canal Winchester, O., per Dr. Good	20 00
"	15.	"	"	Martin Lautenslager, Apple Creek, O., per Dr. Good	1 00
"	15.	"	"	Rev. J. L. Bretz, Bluffton, Ind., collection, per Dr. Good	28 88
		Carried forward			$2,931 96

*All the amounts included in the receipts for the endowment, except the four marked with a * were received as cash contributions to the Zwingli Memorial Fund, amounting in the agregate to $1,278.26, while the notes received for the same fund amount to $1,660., making a total of $2,938.26.

		Amount brought forward	$2,931 96
Sept.	15.	To cash Rev. W. J. Peters, Slatington, Pa., collection, per Dr. Good	20 00
"	15.	" " Rev. D. F. Brendle, Bethlehem, Pa., per Dr. Good	15 00
"	15.	" " Rev. Emanuel Shultz, Wisconsin, per Dr. Good	20 00
"	15.	" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, O., col., per Dr. Good	51 70
"	15.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Orangeville, Pa., per Dr. Good	25 00
"	15.	" " Rev. W. Renter, Monroeville, O., per Dr. Good	25 00
"	15.	" " Rev. J. Blaetgen, Forreston, Ill., per Dr. Good	5 00
"	15.	" " Anna Clare, Anna, Ill., per Dr. Good	12 00
Oct.	8.	" " Rev. A. Casselman, Thornville chge., Lancaster Classis	30 00
"	8.	" " Joshua Eidt, West Salem chge., Tuscarawas Classis	5 00
"	8.	" " a friend, West Salem charge, Tuscarawas Classis	1 00
"	8.	" " Rev. H. Rust, D. D., a donation to Z. M. F	250 00
			$3,391 66

FUNDS INVESTED.

1883.		CR.	
Dec.	20.	By loan to Isaac Dissinger, on mortgage security	$300 00
1884.			
Feb.	19.	" loan to Isaac Dissinger, on mortgage security	300 00
Sept.	15.	" loan to George P. Earley, on mortgage security	2,000 00
Oct.	8.	" cash in the treasury	791 66
			$3,391 66

In order to bring the subject of our finances before the synod in an intelligent and satisfactory manner, it will be necessary to submit a brief statement of facts.

The endowment of the Theological Seminary was begun about the year 1850, and by subsequent efforts it was increased, so that in 1874 it amounted (on paper) to about $32,000. But the real available funds, perhaps, never exceeded $28,000, and this for a number of years yielded but six per cent interest which was never all promptly nor fully paid. Then, for the last fifteen years, preceding this memorial year of 1884, very little has been contributed towards the endowment of the seminary, inasmuch as so many other interests laid claim to the benevolence of the church. This fact, in connection with the losses sustained meanwhile, for a part of which the synod is itself responsible, has greatly interfered with the financial success of the seminary.

The following summary statement will exhibit, with some degree of definiteness, the condition of the finances of the seminary, and will perhaps answer queries that may be in the minds of some. The funds consist of "Plainfield" bonds, promissory notes, invested funds, obligations payable after the death of the donors, and cash. As these several obligations and funds are different in value, they are

here given in three columns under the headings of *good*, *doubtful* and *worthless*, namely:

		GOOD.	DOUBTFUL.	WORTHLESS.
BONDS AND NOTES.				
4 Plainfield bonds regarded		$315 00	.....	.....
6 Plainfield bonds regarded		.....	$550 00	.....
32 Plainfield bonds regarded		.....	.....	$2,225 00
21 Promissory notes regarded		2,155 00	.....	.....
11 Promissory notes regarded		.....	2,089 00	.....
37 Promissory notes regarded		.....	.....	1,689 50
INVESTED FUNDS.				
7 Notes on mortgage security		12,153 46	.....	.....
1 Note on collateral security		5,400 00	.....	.....
ZWINGLI MEMORIAL FUND.				
39 Promissory notes	$1,660.00	.....	.....	.....
Cash paid in	1,278.26	2,938 26	.....	.....
NOTES PAYABLE AFTER DEATH				
Of the donors dating from 1863 to 1884		2,223 00	.....	.....
		25,184 72		
Cash on hand		791 66		
Total		$25,976 38	$2,639 00	$3,914 50

SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENTS.

	Amount.	Paid.	Unpaid.
Apportionment in 1882	$2,500 00	$878 24	$1,621 76
" " 1883	1,000 00	56 23	943 77
Total	$3,500 00	$934 47	$2,565 53

For the year ending October 1, 1884, there was due and owing on salary to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., $1,217.32 and to Prof. H. Rust, D. D., $1,156.31, making a total of $2,373.63. If it be asked, why this deficiency? or why the salary of the professors has not been paid regularly and promptly? the answer is, as may be seen from the foregoing statement, (1) because only a little over *one-fourth* of the two synodical apportionments for 1882 and 1883 has been paid, (2) because in too many instances the interest on notes is not promptly paid, and (3) for the last four months it has been unusually difficult to collect out-standing interest. In these facts are to be found the main causes why the professors' salary has not been paid, as it should have been, and as they were justly entitled to receive it. Efforts were not wanting on the part of the treasurer to do so, but, alas! in many cases empty promises became the substitutes for money. Had but two-thirds of the amount of said apportionments been paid, together with the amount of interest due, the claims of the professors on salary could have been settled in full.

There is notwithstanding one encouraging feature in the

finances of the seminary. While the funds for "immediate use" have fallen short to meet the existing wants or claims, the endowment has been increased $3,238.26. This amount has been secured through the Zwingli memorial movement, and the generous gift of $300 (in note) by Mrs. Lucinda Miller, of Springboro, Ohio. And, it is believed, that if all our pastors and congregations had taken proper advantage of the opportunities and incitements of this grand memorial year, the Zwingli Memorial Fund might havs been swelled to $10,000 or $20,000, and thus secured permanent financial relief to the seminary.

The further or full endowment of the seminary is a question of vital importance respecting the prosperity of the seminary itself, and of far-reaching significance with reference to the needed supply of the ministry, and the welfare and progress of the church. It deserves and demands the candid, prayerful and earnest attention of this synod. It requires something more tangible than paper resolutions and apportionments. It demands well-matured plans and methods, and the faithful efforts of consecrated hearts and liberal hands. Thus may we expect to establish a permanent financial basis, and, under God's blessing, make our seminary a power of usefulness and a blessing to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

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3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

Dear Fathers and Brethren :—The Board of Education respectfully submit for your consideration the following as their annual report:

The work of this Board is twofold, viz: that which has reference to the cause of Beneficiary Education, and the internal workings of the Theolegical Seminary.

I. EDUCATION.

To make judicious selections from applicants to be received under the care of the board with an annual appropriation, exercise proper care over them when received and provide for their pecuniary wants, is no small matter. We have endeavored to be faithful to the high trust committed to us, but with all

our care we occasionally bestow the charities of the church upon an unworthy person, or on one who has a false zeal for the gospel ministry. The number of such persons, however, is very small, and the board is not slow to correct such mistakes when they occur. Three of the students that received aid from the board completed their seminary course last May, and are now engaged in the active work of the ministry. Ten new applicants have been received, making the roll of beneficiaries at present as follows: Messrs. Jacob P. Stahl, George E. Metger, William H. Tussing, Henry S. Bailey, Adolph J. Meyer, Luther P. Gross, Alfred G. Berkey, David A. Winter, William A. Bodell, Martin L. Fox, John A. Ketrow, Solomon U. Snyder, William Grether, J. V. Cover, H. O. Joerris, Henry S. Gekeler, Frederick H. Keller, Jacob A. Kepner, George B. Bolenbach, John Grether and Freeman Ware, making in all 21. These all require the full appropriation, which will make it necessary for the classes to pay their synodical apportionment for education more fully and promptly than they have done hitherto. Out of an assessment of $2,200 made last year, the board received but $972 of that amount, as the treasurer's account will show. Of the $1,540 reputed as receipts for the synodical year just ending, $226 are a balance from last year; $144 is interest on legacies, and a large sum from miscellaneous sources. If the board is to carry forward its work during the present collegiate year, without incurring a large indebtedness, the synodical apportionment must be more fully met than heretofore. We need not recommend an assessment, as the Synod resolved a few years ago to apportion for the cause of education the sum of $2,000 annually.

II. THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The internal workings of the seminary are very seriously affected from the want of proper financial support, a matter for which this board is in no way responsible. The difficiency in our professors' salaries is so great that they are obliged to engage in ministerial labors in order to make it up. This, in connection with their regular professorial work, makes their labors very burdensome. They are, however, doing the best they can under the circumstances. If the endowment of the seminary could be increased so as to enable the Board of Trustees to pay the professors without depending upon collections

from pastoral charges, and also to call an additional professor, more effective work could be done, and our seminary would command a much larger patronage than it does.

Notwithstanding these difficulties the number of new students matriculated at the opening of the seminary this year is very encouraging. Three new members have been added to the senior class, while the junior class numbers eight, making the additions eleven in all, and the whole number in attendance sixteen. At the close of the senior year last May all the students were examined in the presence of the board, and the examinations pronounced satisfactory. The members of the senior class were regularly dismissed, and recommended to their respective classes for examination and licensure. The graduating exercises compared favorably with those of former similar occasions. We again commend our school of the prophets to the synod, asking for it your earnest prayers and hearty support.

The board would ask permission of the synod to change the rules in regard to the obligation of the beneficiary students, so as to read hereafter in substance as follows:

That the amount received be a loan, and repayable without interest, at the rate of $20 per annum, after entering the ministry, or earlier at the pleasure of the beneficiary.

The time for which the following named persons were elected members of the board expires with this meeting of synod, viz: Revs. S. C. Goss, M. Loucks, Prof. R. Good, and Dr. D. Winters. Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.* REUBEN GOOD, *President.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod.*

DR.

To balance in treasury, October 10, 1883		$226 88
MIAMI CLASSIS.		
To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer	$299 80	
" " " H. H. Eavey, Treas. Xenia Reformed Church	7 10	306 9
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer		196 62
Carried forward		$730 40

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Amount brought forward	$730 40	
To cash from Thos. W. Chapman, Treasurer	100 00	
" " " Rev. S. C. Goss	25 00	125 00

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Treasurer	98 10	
" " " Lewis Shriver for a particular student	100 00	198 10

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. A. K. Zartman, Treasurer		100 00

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer		42 58

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

" " " Woman's Mission Soc., Cedarville, Orangeville chge		2 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

" " " Whetstone chge., per Rev. J. Winter	24 00	
" " " D. Griesinger, per Rev. J. Winter	6 00	
" " " Rev. Philip Ruhl	10 00	
" " " Miss. Soc. Em. cong., per Rev. E. D. Miller	10 00	
" " " a friend, per Dr. G. W. Williard	25 00	
" interest from Sarah Brinker bequest	60 00	
" " " S. A. Hivling bequest	84 00	
" cash refunded by Simon Steffens	102 98	
" " " J. Calvin Shumaker	20 00	
		341 98
Due treasurer October 8, 1884		80
		$1,541 36

CR.

By cash paid beneficiary students since October 10, 1883	$1,489 81	
" " " J. H. Platt, Esq., for legal services	20 00	
" " " Rev. S. P. Myers, for collecting accounts, &c	30 00	
" " for postage and paper	1 55	
		$1,541 36

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

To bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker	$805 00	
" " " Sarah A. Hivling	1,000 00	
" interest from Brinker bequest	60 00	
" " " Hivling bequest	84 00	
		$1,949 00

CR.

By loan to Martin Mueller	$800 00	
By certificate of 20 shares railroad stock	1,000 00	
By cash paid contingent fund	144 00	
By cash on hand	5 00	
		$1,949 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, considered, and, together with the preceeding reports, adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary and the cause of Beneficiary Education would beg leave to report as follows:

Reports from the Trustees and from the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, from the Board of Education and from its Treasurer, have come to us and been thoughtfully considered.

These reports are so clear and explicit that our duty is simply to state the general condition, and suggest remedies. The Theological Seminary at Tiffin is an imperative necessity to the highest and permanent interests of our church; and yet the seminary is most seriously embarassed financially. All the facts indicate clearly that there is a lack of the proper feeling of warm sympathy and the disposition to support this great institution aright. We believe that the ministry of the synod are largely to blame for this, and that it is absolutely impossible either to provide sufficiently even for the immediate and pressing wants of the seminary until the ministry and eldership of synod are imbued with the right spirit as to the liberal support of our theological institution. Much less then are we prepared to accomplish much towards the increase of the endowment. We are thoroughly convinced that the first great work to be done in the interests of our seminary is an educational and spiritual work in its behalf among the pastors and churches, and that thus the way will be most truly and successfully prepared for the financial work, that will be the legitimate result and the ripe fruit of the right spirit in the hearts of ministers and people throughout synod.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the reports of the Trustees and the Treasurer of the Seminary, and also of the Board and Treasurer of Beneficiary Education be adopted.

2. That the change, in regard to the obligation of Beneficiary Students, as proposed by the Board in their report, be adopted.

3. That the sum of $2,000 be apportioned for Beneficiary Education by this synod.

4. That the appointment of a Committee on Finance by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary as stated in their report is most heartily endorsed.

5. That this synod appoint one person in each classis to make special efforts, in his classis, in the interests of the seminary as to students, and for funds for both the immediate use and the endowment of the Theological Seminary, and these persons so appointed, in connection with the two theological professors, shall be a Permanent Committee on this special work; and this synod insists upon the theological professors to visit each classis of this synod in the State of Ohio at least once during the year to bring the interests of the seminary before the classes and the church, and co-operate with the classical member appointed by the synod; and the theological professors shall arrange between themselves as to their visits to the different classes and are requested to visit as many of the classes at their annual meetings as possible. All pastors in the synod are most earnestly enjoined to co-operate heartily with this committee, consisting of the theological professors and one member from each classes.

6. As vacancies in this committee may occur from year to year, they shall be filled by the appointment of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. WILLIARD,
J. M. KENDIG,
N. H. LOOSE,
JACOB KLEE,
ISAAC ROYER,
Committee.

The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, called for in the fifth resolution of the foregoing report, consists, according to appointment, of the following members:

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Tiffin Classis.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Miami Classis.
Rev. George H. Leonard, Lancaster Classis.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, Tuscarawas Classis.
Rev. John M. Kendig, Eastern Ohio Classis.
Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Northern Illinois Classis.
Rev. James H. Lippard, Shelby Classis.
Rev. John H. Buser, Iowa Classis.
Rev. John R. Skinner, St. Joseph Classis.
Rev. George W. Remagen, Kansas Classis.

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMIMARY.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, O.
Mr. Gideon, G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, O.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman, Rev. Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Rev. Gideon G. Prugh.

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2. *Board of Education.*

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Rev. Amos Casselman,
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, Rev. Austin Henry.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Orange E. Lake, Rev. Silas B. Mase,
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Rev. John J. Leberman.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Sebastian G. Goss, Rev. George H. Leonard,
Rev. Michael Loucks, Rev. John I. Swander.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, towards the close of the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 7 that the professors in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin were requested to discontinue their pastoral labors, and

devote their entire time to the work in the seminary. The subject matter of this item, under several different motions, was discussed during the whole of the afternoon session on Thursday. At the close of the discussion, the substitute was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the action of synod, requesting the professors in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin to discontinue the practice of supplying congregations in the vicinity of Tiffin, is hereby revoked.

During the morning session on Saturday, the following preamble and resolution were received and adopted:

WHEREAS, It is understood that Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., may be willing to labor in and for the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, by being appointed Special Lecturer; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to confer with Dr. Kieffer on the subject and report to this synod.

The committee appointed consists of Revs. Samuel Z. Beam, John I. Swander, Dr. Henry M. Herman, Elders Horace Ankeney, and Isaac W. Holt. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted the following report:

Your committee, appointed to confer with Dr. M. Kieffer, have attended to the duty assigned them. We have ascertained that he is willing to deliver lectures in the seminary, and, as opportunity may permit, to labor in securing bequests and donations towards the endowment of the seminary, without any expense to the seminary. Dr. Kieffer has assurances from his family and other friends on which he is willing to rely for his support, and is willing to devote his declining years to the interests of the seminary in this way.

The advantages of this plan, both to the seminary and the synod, are obvious, and your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., be and is hereby appointed special lecturer in our seminary on the terms stated in the above report, on such branches of theological science as may be agreed upon between him and the faculty of the sem-

inary, and that in case he accepts the appointment, we give him our cordial co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL Z. BEAM,
JOHN I. SWANDER.
ISAAC W. HOLT,
Committee.

This report was received and put on its adoption, and after some discussion, it was laid on the table for the present. At the morning session on Monday, it was taken up and further considered. After some discussion, on motion, it was

Resolved, That this report be laid on the table until the next annual meeting of synod.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

BELOVED BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, we present the following report for the year 1883–4: The board had two meetings during the year, and has endeavored faithfully to attend to the work intrusted to it. To manage and direct successfully the educational interest of a body like the Synod of Ohio is a serious trust, especially where the endowment is inadequate to carry it forward on a broad and liberal basis, and much of the income has to be collected from notes of small dimensions scattered over the entire synod. Yet the board has done the best it could, and is pleased to say the college is doing a good work, notwithstanding all the difficulties it has to contend against.

We are pleased to report that the attendance during the year was good, there having been 141 present in the college and academy. The studiousness and general deportment of the students have been commendable. Fifteen were graduated at the last Commencement, making the present number of alumni 265. The accession at the fall term in September

was sixty new students, being the largest we have had for some years.

The board, whilst encouraged by the attendance and work of the college, believes that its efficiency ought and can be greatly increased by an earnest and united effort throughout the bounds of the synod. More of the youth of the church ought to receive the benefit of a higher education than that which may be obtained in our public schools. The teaching force and accommodations are amply sufficient for a much larger attendance of students, making it the duty of the church to put forth renewed efforts to increase, if possible, the number in attendance, so that the benefits of a collegiate education may be more widely diffused.

But little was done during the year to increase the endowment, much as this is needed, as it was thought the claims of the new college building were paramount, and that the funds for this object should be raised before attempting any thing else. This may occasion some embarrassment in meeting the current expenses of the college, but is thought best upon the whole in the hope that God may in the meantime raise up some one to provide for the present need.

The board regrets to say that notwithstanding its urgent request for several years past that synod pay its indebtedness, there are still nearly $900 due the college as interest on the notes it holds against the synod. This ought not to be, as the board is unable in consequence thereof to pay the salary of the professors as it becomes due. The board would, therefore, again urgently request the synod to make some definite provisions for the payment of its indebtedness to the college.

The board rejoices in being able to inform the synod that after a long and provoking delay that ground has at last been broken for the new college building, and that the work is progressing finely. What the causes of this delay were, need not here be mentioned. We may, however, here say that the board did all in its power to push the enterprise forward as rapidly as possible, but was delayed for the want of funds, and by the slowness of the architects in getting up the plans and specifications.

The new building when finished will be large, commodious, and in all respects adapted to the object for which it is

intended. Three things have been kept in view in its construction, stability, adaptability, and architectural proportion and fitness, so that it may stand for generations to come, and be a credit and honor to the church. Its dimensions from the west or front to the rear end of the building are 139 feet, and 104 from side to side, furnishing ample space for recitation, library, cabinet, and society rooms, with a chapel large enough to accommodate all who may be present on the public occasions of the college.

The contract for its erection has been made with Messrs. Chamberlain & King, of Tiffin, Ohio, for $46,558, about $7,000 more than was at first contemplated. The committee thought it best to go forward at once, as any change in the plans and specifications would have so delayed the work as to have made it impossible to begin it before next spring, which could not have been done without seriously endangering the whole enterprise. It is hoped, therefore, that the synod will approve of the action of the board and of the Building Committee, and commend it to the church, that it may receive the moral and financial support necessary to carry the enterprise to a speedy and successful completion. The undertaking, although a great one for the synod amid all its other pressing obligations, is a necessity, and can, with an earnest and united effort, be accomplished if the church has only a mind to work, and to give according to its ability. What is wanted, therefore, is a kind and hopeful word of cheer from all the friends of the enterprise, and a united movement all along the line to make it a success.

The new building, according to the contract, is to be finished and ready for occupancy the 15th of June, 1886, at which time it is hoped it may be dedicated, and set apart to the object for which it is intended free of all debt. About $32,000 have been secured in notes and subscriptions for the new building, which, after making an allowance for shrinkage, &c., will leave about $18,000 yet to be provided for, which although a large sum in these times of depression in business and scarcity of money can be secured if those portions of the synod which have not as yet been visited will do as well as those which have already been canvassed.

The agent, H. Leonard, will give a report of his agency dur-

ing the year, so that I need not here refer to it further than to say that his heart is still in the work of the college, and he has lost none of his interest in it in his declining years, and is now ready for an earnest canvass of the church in any charge to which he may be invited. Seeing the straightened circumstances in which the college is, he has generously offered to donate his service for the past year in the hope that others may be encouraged by his example of self-denial to give liberally and freely to this object.

Thankful to the synod for its past favor and support, the board would respectfully ask its continued co-operation in the hope that the college may be a still greater power for good in the future than it has been in the past, and that it may accomplish to the fullest extent the object had in view by its founders. Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the board.

N. H. LOOSE, *Secretary of Board.* GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Pres. Heid. Col.*

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

This was a year of anxiety to the agent who felt considerably hampered in his work on account of the delay or procrastination of the Building Committee, which did not feel warranted to put under contract the new building until more funds would be secured. I did much correspondence during the year to remind some of our old subscribers of their delinquencies.

We, as a church and a college board, have an important task before us this year. It is now hoped that our people and the friends of Christian education will not only welcome the financial agent to their families, but will, of their own free will, come forward and bring their contributions for this noble structure, which, when completed, according to the architects' plans and specifications, will be an honor and lasting monument to our Reformed Zion and friends of Christian education.

I traveled during the year only 942 miles. Total miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, being ninety-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-three miles, (98,433).

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The following is my financial report for the year ending October 10th, 1884:

HENRY LEONARD, *Financial Agent, in account with Heidelberg College.*

DR.

Received notes ("New Series"), No. 62 to 70	$ 700 00
Subscriptions for "brick" and general building fund from No. 1,798 to 1845 on hand	369 00
Collections of interest on old endowment notes	1,020 00
Amount received for lectures	35 94
	$2,124 94
Balance due the agent	179 94
	$2,304 88

CR.

Paid Dr. Willard, interest on old notes, &c	$1,020 00	
Handed over ("New Series") notes	700 00	
Total amount of subscriptions for "brick" and general building fund during the year	369 00	
Paid for postage	33 68	
Paid P. Long, of Philadelphia, engraver	15 75	
Moss Engraving Company of New York	90 00	
Moss Engraving Company of New York	55 00	
Traveling expenses for the year	21 45	
		$2,304 88

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with that of the board and of the financial agent, adopted:

The papers placed before your committee are the report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College and the report of the Financial Agent, Henry Leonard. From these reports we learn that the work of the college has been carried forward with commendable progress and success. This work has been done, it should be remembered, under great difficulty. The inadequate endowment and the slow payment of outstanding dues is a serious hindrance to the financial management, causing much perplexity. While the endowment is insufficient, we must here also notice that synod is in debt to the college, the interest of which is about $900.

The attendance of students is encouraging, and a larger number of students is reported than for many years. The conduct of students is also reported as having been commendably good.

It is gratifying to all friends of the college that after long delay the erection of the new building has been commenced, and it will cost more than was intended. It will require earnest and hard work, the opening of liberal hands, to raise the funds necessary to dedicate the building free of debt. Surely, it must not be that so splendid a building should be a monument of the church's want of liberality. There is yet about $18,000 to be raised to meet the amount contracted for. To do this will require united effort and increased liberality. Though the new building costs more than was originally intended, it will, as the board reports, be constructed with a view to "stability, adaptability, and architectural proportion and fitness, so that it may stand for generations to come, and be a credit and honor to the church."

Further; much credit is due President Williard for his earnest and self-denying energy and effort made to collect funds for the new building, and also to the Financial Agent, Henry Leonard, who is yet vigorously at work, and who generously offers to donate his services for the past year. For more complete information we refer to the reports of the Board of Trustees, the Financial Agent, and the College Catalogue.

In view of the above we recommend that the following action be taken by this synod in reference to the greater efficiency of Heidelberg College:

Resolved, That synod approves the action of the board and of the Building Committee in going forward with the erection of the new college building, though costing more than the proposed $40,000, and that we commend this great work to the church, that it may receive the moral and financial support necessary to bring the enterprise to a successful completion.

Resolved, That the stated clerk draw an order on the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod for $250 in favor of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that the apportionment of synod for contingent expenses be increased $300 until synod's indebtedness be liquidated.

Resolved, That a vote of synod's most hearty thanks be given to President Williard for his self-denying and gratuitous labors in the collection of college funds, and also to our venerable, yet earnest and active Financial Agent, Henry Leonard, for the gratuitous services rendered during the past synodical year, and that we trust that their self-denying labors may stimulate the church at large to increased exercise in the grace of liberal giving to Heidelberg College.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. LOOSE,
WM. A. HALE,
J. J. LEBERMAN,
ABRAHAM DICKERHOFF,
JOHN COY,

Committee.

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Nathanial H. Loose, *Secretary*, Bellevue, Ohio.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Rev. John Vogt, D. D.,
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers,
Mr. Robert Bell,
John Weimer, M. D.,
Hon. Warren P. Noble.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose,
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss,
Rev. Michael Loucks,
Mr. John Hilbish,
Rev. David Winters, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker,
Rev. William A. Hale,
Rev. John J. Leberman,
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman,
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns,
J. Philip Shilling, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.,
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney,
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.,
Upton F. Cramer, Esq.,
George P. Williard, M. D.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

On Friday evening, after a brief address by Rev. Samuel B. Yockey in regard to St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., on motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on the subject of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

The committee consists of Revs. S. B. Yockey, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Geo. H. Leonard and Elder George B. Krumlauf.

Also during the morning session on Saturday, a communication was received from the President of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, and it was referred to the aforesaid committee. This committee, towards the close of the same session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee to whom the interests of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., were referred, would respectfully report:

That the only paper coming into our hands in reference to this matter, was the statement of the President of the Board of Managers from which we learn that quite extensive repairs have been made during the year, so that the home presents a more attractive appearance, while its capacity for usefulness has also been largely increased.

The superintendent with his aids commands the implicit confidence of the members of the board. According to the report most efficient work has been done. The children are being trained in a proper way, so that they promise to grow up into good citizenship, while their spiritual welfare is by no means neglected.

The home is, therefore, entitled to the most favorable consideration, and especially so since its doors are open to orphans within our bounds.

Your committee would recommend the following for your favorable consideration:

Resolved, That the home in all its interests is most cordially commended to the liberality of the church, and that collec-

tions both in the church and Sabbath-school be lifted for its benefit. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternood session on Friday, reported in item 2 that a communication was received from Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States. This communication was referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, John D. Neff and Elder Joshua Scott. This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred the communication of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, begs leave to report:

The society organized about the close of the last century, but since modified by state legislation, embraces:

1. Two classes of membership, both limited to ministers of the Reformed Church.

a. Life members, who contribute $65.

b. Contributing members, who pay an initiation fee of $5, and annually thereafter, $3.

2. Three classes of beneficiaries.

a. The widows and children of deceased members of the society who are in indigent circumstances.

b. The widow and family of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church if needing assistance.

c. Disabled ministers themselves, members of the society and requiring pecuniary aid.

3. The source of income.

a. Interest of invested fund, now aggregating about $20,000.

b. Annual dues from contributing members.

c. Gifts and collections.

The society aims to relieve as far as possible all cases of distress, but finds the number of claimants growing annually and asks for favorable action on the part of this body.

Your committee recommends the following:

1. The attention of our ministers is called to this deserving institution, as a method of securing for their families or others in case of need, the required material assistance.

2. The several classes are urged to bring the subject before their churches and secure as far as possible collections, during the synodical year, for the society and purpose above named. Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In submitting the ninth annual report, it affords your Sunday-School Board great pleasure to say that the Sunday-school work of synod has been more generally and fully reported during the past year than ever before, so that we are prepared to state more intelligently and satisfactorily just what the condition, prospects, merits and demerits of our Sunday-school work really are.

The board convened at West Alexandria, O., on October 13, 1883, and organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Williard, President, and Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Secretary. Two subsequent regular meetings and one informal meeting were held during the year. Much laborious work has been done, and every reasonable effort made to advance the Sunday-school interests intrusted to our care. While some classes have furnished but comparatively meager and unsatisfactory reports, others have made most excellent and full reports, in respect to both Sunday-school statistics and the general condition, work and prospects of the schools. Strange and sad to say, Miami Classis, the oldest and strongest classis in the synod, has been the most dilatory and derelict in its Sunday-school reports. Iowa Classis perhaps may be correctly named the banner classis of the whole synod, having had forty-five delegates present at its recent Sunday-school convention, in addition to large numbers of the people of Zwingli, Iowa, where the meeting was held. Its report to the board is a model in itself, and was most complete and accurate in its details.

I. SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Official reports have come to your board, showing that nine different Sunday-school conventions, the programmes of which we herewith transmit to synod, were held within the bounds of synod during the past five months. Seven out of the ten classes of this synod now have regular annual Sunday-school conventions. Shelby Classis has made definite arrangements for a Sunday-school convention to immediately precede its next annual meeting, and Northern Illinois Classis has elected officers for a convention to be held within its bounds this coming year. This is cheering news, indeed, and almost completes our Sunday-school organization throughout the whole synod. It leaves Kansas Classis as the only one that has not yet complied with synod's instructions on this subject. Peculiar local considerations are the cause of this; for the pastors, churches and Sunday-schools within the bounds of that classis, unfortunately are widely separated from each other and the expense and inconvenience of a special Sunday-school convention would be considerable. These difficulties do not, however, wholly excuse their non-compliance with the action of synod, nor render a Sunday-school convention in connection with their annual meeting of classis impossible, impracticable or unprofitable. The greatest hindrance to the true success of those conventions, that have been held, is the unpardonable negligence and unfaithfulness of those assigned to special duty on the programmes. For instance, in one classis, out of thirteen different persons, mostly ministers, who were assigned important Sunday-school subjects for discussion, only four responded. In another classis, only four out of eight responded. This is a great injustice, which brethren do themselves, the community and church where the convention is held, and also the general Sunday-school cause and interests of the synod and the church. True, it is often the case that those, who are assigned duty and whose hearts are sincerely in the Sunday-school work, and who appreciate most highly and keenly the practical value of these conventions, may be necessarily and unavoidably detained, but we are thoroughly convinced that there has been much absence on the part of delegates and Sunday-school workers and much neglect of duty in these conventions, which cannot be reasonably excused or overlooked.

II. DIFFICULTIES AND THEIR REMEDY.

One of the most serious practical difficulties in the way of the board has been the faulty and imperfect machinery, by which we have been vainly trying for years past to gather complete reports and reliable information and accurate statistics of our Sunday-school work. To remedy this, the board instructed its president to prepare and present to this synod such resolutions as would bring about the abandonment of the old plan and the establishment of a new and better system. Two new and improved Sunday-school blanks have been prepared by your board—one for the use of charges and the other for the classes. As soon as synod shall have given the proper authority these blanks will be published and distributed. A copy of each blank accompanies this report.

III. BENEVOLENCE IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

From all parts of the synod there have come to your board outspoken regrets and strong condemnations of the inefficiency of our Sunday-schools in benevolence, and the pressing necessity is urged for a change from the old selfish plan of the Sunday-schools expending all their collections upon themselves. The statistics, so far as reported to this board, are appalling. They show $4,441.79 contributed for school purposes by 159 Sunday-schools, while only $422.06 were contributed for mission purposes. This was considerably less than $3 per school for mission purposes during the entire year, and where $1 was given to missions, each school, on the average, spent more than $10 on itself. How long will it take, at this rate, to train up a liberal church-membership, and educate the rising generation in our church to sustain the great charitable and missionary causes aright? If the Sunday-school is a natural and legitimate part of the church, as we surely believe it to be, then it ought to co-operate more heartily and efficiently in the great departments of church work and life, prominent among which is that of benevolence. Happily we believe that the dawn of better things is breaking upon us! Lancaster Classis, for instance, reports advanced ground taken in regard to mission work in the Sunday-schools, and its recent Sunday-school convention voted $20 to foreign missions. This amount has already been paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

IV. THE CHURCH IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Possibly a more correct heading for this paragraph would be the church *out* of the Sunday-school, as seems to be really the case in some parts of synod. St. Joseph Classis, for instance, reports less than one-fifth of those attending the Sunday-school as being over eighteen years of age. According to last year's minutes, the total enrollment of the Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod was 3,000 less than that of the membership of our congregations. When we consider that the vast proportion of those, who attended our Sunday-schools are little children and youth, we must conclude that there is an alarming absence of the membership of the church from this great intellectual and spiritual workshop and school of the church, such as the Sunday-school really ought to be, if properly attended and conducted. So comparatively small is the attendance of adults in some cases, that it can truthfully be asked, " Where are the nine " out of every ten. This subject demands the most thoughtful consideration of synod and all our Sunday-school conventions.

V. SUNDAY-SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.

Our report would be incomplete if we failed to recognize the noble work that is being done for our Sunday-school interests by the Reformed Pubblishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. They publish three grades of *Lesson Leaves*, one for the Infant Department, a second for the Intermediate and Adult Departments, and a third for Teachers. They also issue two large semi-monthly Sunday-school papers, and the lesson for the Infant Department is published in the form of beautiful *Little Pearls*. These publications are very generally used throughout the synod, and are much appreciated. We hope that our Publishing Company may yet be able to issue a special grade for the Juvenile or Intermediate Department, and that the church will give them such generous support that they may make still further improvements in the varied Sunday-school literature which they furnish us.

VI. CHILDREN'S DAY.

Your board unanimously urges and overtures this synod to set apart the first Sunday in September as an annual Children's Fruit and Flower Day, when our churches and Sunday-

schools shall be decorated with fruits, flowers, and vines, and special children's exercises be held suitable to such a day. All collections taken on this day shall be devoted to purely benevolent purposes.

The members of the board whose terms expire are Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Rev. George H. Leonard.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-School and Catechisation submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with that of the board, adopted:

Your committee is pleased to report that the report of the board referred to us presents a more satisfactory statement of facts respecting our Sunday-schools than have been submitted for a number of years.

As will be seen from the report there is an evidence of an increased interest in the Sunday-school work in certain classes.

There is still, however, a gross indifference and negligence manifested on the part of some with reference to attending the Sunday-school Conventions, and performing the duties assigned. With a view, therefore, of directing attention anew to the importance of the Sunday-school work, and promoting an increased interest in the cause, your committee would offer for your consideration the following suggestions:

1. That the overture of the board respecting the observance of the first Sunday of September as an annual Children's Fruit and Flower Day be adopted.

2. Every minister is expected and earnestly requested to attend the meetings of the Classical Sunday-school Conventions, and perform the duties assigned, and at the annual meeting of classis the roll shall be called, in order to ascertain whether the members have attended to their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *President*, Springfield, O.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. George H. Leonard.

SUGGESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The following action, with the view of securing improved methods and better results in Sunday-school work, was adopted by synod:

WHEREAS, We believe that the Sunday-school is one of the most vital and important activities of the Church of Christ, deserving the hearty support and the consecrated energy of all Christians, as well as needing to be carefully watched and wisely directed, so that it may always have the true churchly spirit, and accomplish proper results; and,

WHEREAS, Classes, Sunday-school Conventions, pastors, and Sunday-schools have, in former years, neglected to transmit such reports as would enable synod to have full knowledge of the condition of this work within its bounds, and as would furnish it the data upon which to base intelligent action, and make useful suggestions and directions in reference to our Sunday-school work; therefore,

Resolved, That the plan of gathering Sunday-school statistics from the Sunday-school Conventions of the different classes be and is hereby abandoned.

Resolved, That this action is not meant in any way to discourage the holding of Sunday-school Conventions, but synod again urges upon all the classes the necessity and value of these conventions, which ought to be interesting and profitable conferences about Sunday-school ideas, methods, work, and results. These conventions should be regularly maintained, well attended, and fruitful of great good in all the classes.

Resolved, That the officers of the different classical Sunday-school Conventions are hereby constituted a committee, whose duty it shall be to prepare a general report upon the condition of the Sunday-schools within the bounds of the convention, the general state of Sunday-school interest in their midst, and also any suggestions they may see proper to offer in connection with the Sunday-school work. A copy of such report shall be transmitted to the President of the Sunday-school Board of Synod as soon as possible after the adjournment of the convention.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stated clerk of synod to keep constantly on hand a sufficient supply of such Sunday-school statistical blanks as the Sunday-school Board of Synod may direct. These he shall furnish to the stated clerks of the different classes as they may be needed.

Resolved, That the stated clerks of the different classes are hereby instructed to distribute these blanks to every pastor and vacant charge in the classis, at least six weeks before its annual meeting.

Resolved, That these Sunday-school reports in reference to statistics shall be submitted and read in connection with the parochial reports at the annual classical meetings, and before any classis adjourns, it shall be its duty to ascertain whether complete Sunday-school reports have been presented from every charge, and make due provision for any delinquents. Such pastors or charges that wilfully neglect to transmit these reports shall be censured.

Resolved, That immediately after the annual meeting of each classis, it shall be the duty of the stated clerk of such classis to forward a general classical statistical Sunday-school report to the stated clerk of synod, according to such form as shall be prescribed by the Sunday-school Board, and additional reports he shall send in as rapidly as they are received. The stated clerk of synod shall then transmit all these reports to the President of the Sunday-school Board of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, O.
Mr. Gideon, G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, O.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman, Rev. Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

DELIVERANCE ON RECEPTION OF STUDENTS UNDER CARE OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 6 that Tiffin Classis requested synod to give a deliverance on the reception of students or candidates for the ministry under the care of a classis, who have not transferred their church membership to congregations within the bounds of the classis under whose care they request to be taken. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Abner R. Kremer, James Heffley, Samuel B. Yockey, and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred item 6 in report of Committee on Minutes of Classes, beg leave to present the following as the action of synod:-

It does not appear that the Constitution of the Church requires students or candidates for the ministry to transfer their church membership to churches within the bounds of

the classis under whose care they request to be taken, especially if they desire to be connected with a church in the place where the institutions of learning are located. But it is here affirmed by this synod that all students for the ministry should be under the care of the classis specially interested in them, and particularly of the one within whose bounds they may reside, unless for good and valid reasons to the contrary. This general view of the case is intended to apply especially to all students receiving beneficiary aid.

Respectfully submitted,

ABNER R. KREMER,
JAMES HEFFLEY,
SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,
HORACE ANKENEY,
Committee.

MEMORIAL FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 22 that the General Synod had commendingly set apart the third Sunday in January of each year as a Memorial Festival of the Reformation. (Minutes, 1884, page 95). Thereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted by synod:

WHEREAS, The General Synod, during its tri-ennial sessions at Baltimore in May, 1884, "set apart the third Sunday in January of each year as a Memorial Festival of the Reformation;" and,

WHEREAS, It is believed that the observance of such a memoral festival would tend to unfold the great principles and living issues of Christianity, proving a means of educating the people to a fuller apprehension of those principles, and of deepening the interest in and devotion to the cause of Christ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod cordially approves of this action of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the attention of our ministers and congregations is earnestly directed to said action, and that they are hereby requested to observe in some proper manner this memorial festival from year to year.

PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE A NEW SYNOD.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, the following action in regard to the organization of a *new synod* was adopted:

WHEREAS, The time seems to have fully arrived for the organization of a new synod, to embrace the States of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Dakota; therefore,

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the classes of Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, and Kansas to organize the new synod, under such name as they may select, provided the respective classes give their consent.

Resolved, That Dakota, Illinois, be designated as the place, and Monday, June 1st, A. D., 1885, at 8 o'clock in the evening, as the time for the first meeting of the proposed synod, and that Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, or in his absence, some other minister, act as the president of the synod at its organization.

On motion, the following action in regard to visiting ministers was adopted:

WHEREAS, The sessions of the Ohio Synod are frequently visited by clergymen of other denominations; therefore,

Resolved, That they be introduced to the synod in the following manner: The brother desiring to introduce a visitor to the synod shall present him to the president, who shall introduce the visitor to the synod, and the synod shall receive him in a standing position.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received and considered:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication respectfully submits the following report:

The board was organized in Miamisburg, February 12, 1884, by the election of the following officers:

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President.*

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Secretary.*

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, *Treasurer.*

The *Christian World* has been regularly published during the year and made its weekly visits to all subscribers. These are mostly members of our church, yet it finds a limited circulation beyond our borders. The paper being evangelical in character, while still representative of our denomination, its circulation should not only be encouraged among our own people, but among families not our own, and among those who do not sustain any church relationship, for these, most of all, need the silent influence of a Christian paper; here its salutary influences would be felt most of all.

The Sabbath-school literature has been regularly issued and promptly delivered. Its circulation, we are happy to state, is larger now than at any former period, proving the general acceptance with which it is received. The *Christian World*, however, has not increased in circulation as anticipated both by the publishers and the board, doubtless owing to a want of proper effort on the part of the ministers with whom its more general circulation rests. To effect a more general introduction of the paper, the publishers make the following generous propositions:

1. The publishers agree to furnish the *Christian World* from now to the first of January, 1886, for $1.75 in clubs of ten new subscribers, or for $1.60 in clubs of fifteen to twenty.

2. The publishers also agree to give the paper one year free to the getter-up-of the club.

3. The publishers desire either the pastors to assume the work or appoint an agent in their charges or congregations who shall faithfully attend to the getting-up-of the club.

Your board most earnestly commends the above offer to the consideration and acceptance of the ministry, and trusts that a large increase of subscribers may be thereby effected.

The board also recommends the Sabbath-school literature of our own publishing house to a more general introduction into our schools, and ministers and superintendents are urgently requested to labor for the accomplishment of this purpose.

The publishing house has also made such arrangements by which they will issue another periodical called *The Inland Monthly*. It is to be eminently a literary periodical, and while edited and published by members of our own church, it seeks favor and patronage from the public gener-

ally, yet our own church is expected, and reasonably so, to give this new enterprise all possible encouragement. The first number will make its appearance in November. Its price is two dollars per year.

The time of Rev. Dr. H. M. Herman and S. B. Yockey, as members of this board, expires at this synod.

The Ohio Synod, during its annual meeting at West Alexandria in 1883, instructed its president and stated clerk to fulfill all needful requirements to effect the incorporation of the Board of Publication according to the laws of the State of Ohio. The following papers procured by said officers of synod, and formally accepted by the Board of Publication, are herewith submitted to the synod for its approval, namely:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Hon. James W. Newman, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio.

DEAR SIR:

It is hereby certified that the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United states, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, for the purpose of creating a Board of Trustees of the publication fund of said synod, during the annual meeting of said synod at West Alexandria, Ohio, on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1883, adopted the following action as articles of incorporation for said board, namely:

1. That the name and title of said Board of Trustees shall be "The Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

2. That the following persons were duly elected as the Trustees of said publication fund, namely: Isaac H. Reiter and Joseph G. Shoemaker to serve three years; William A. Hale and Andrew H. Baughman to serve two years; and Samuel B. Yockey, and Henry M. Herman to serve one year; all of whom are members of said synod, and three-fifths of whom are resident freeholders of the State of Ohio. The said synod shall at each annual meeting elect hereafter two Trustees, who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are elected.

3. That all moneys belonging to said fund, or that may be obtained by gift, collection, bequest or otherwise, shall be managed by the said Board of Publication in trust for said synod.

4. That the character of said publication fund is an endowment fund of said synod, the income or proceeds of which shall be used for the publication of books, papers, tracts, and general religious literature.

WILLIAM A. HALE, [SEAL]
President of said Ohio Synod.

[SEAL]

ISAAC H. REITER, [SEAL]
Stated Clerk of said Ohio Synod.

THE STATE OF OHIO, }
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, } *ss.*

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county, William A. Hale, President, and Isaac H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing certificate and statement to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed, this fourteenth day of November, 1883.

HARRY H. PRUGH,
Notary Public in and for Montgomery County, Ohio.

[SEAL]

THE STATE OF OHIO, }
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, } *ss.*

I, Oren Britt Brown, Clerk of the Common Please Court in and for said county, do hereby certify that Harry H. Prugh, before whom the foregoing instrument hereto attached was acknowledged, was at the time of signing the same and now is an acting Notary Public in and for said county duly commissioned and qualified, that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts, that his signature thereto written is genuine; and that said instrument is executed according to the requirements of the Laws and Statues of the State of Ohio.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at the City of Dayton, this 14th day of November, 1883.

[SEAL] OREN BRITT BROWN, *Clerk.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OHIO, }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. }

I, James W. Newman, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do horeby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the articles of incorporation of The Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, filed in this office on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1883, and recorded in volume 28, pages 405, etc., of the Records of Incorporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal of office, at Columbus, the 21st day of November, A. D. 1883. JAS. W. NEWMAN,

[SEAL] *Secretary of State.*

ACCEPTANCE OF INCORPORATION BY THE BOARD.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Publication, hereby accept the articles of incorporation of said board, secured by the President and Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in accordance with instructions of said synod.

ISAAC H. REITER,
WILLIAM A. HALE,
HENRY M. HERMAN,
SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,
JOSEPH G. SHOEMAKER,
ANDREW H. BAUGHMAN,
Board of Publication.

OCTOBER 10, 1884.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,
President of the Board.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Publication would submit the following as their report:

The only document presented to us is the report of the Board of Publication. From this document your committee gleans:

1. That the organ of this synod viz: *Christian World* together with the Sunday-school literature of the synod, have been regularly issued and that all the publications give good satisfaction, and that the circulation of the sabbath-school literature is steadily increasing while not so much can be said of the *Christian World.* The publishers make a very liberal offer to all who will make an effort to secure new subscribers to the *Christian World.*

2. That the Reformed Publishing Company, of Dayton, Ohio, contemplates issuing a magazine to be called *The Inland Monthly.* The first issue to appear November, 1884.

3. That the officers of the Board of Publication, according to the instructions given them by this synod at West Alexandria, Ohio, went forward and incorporated the Board of Publication according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

Your committee recommends the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That this synod earnestly urges upon its pastors to visit all the families represented by their membership and if possible introduce the *Christian World* as a regular visitor.

Resolved, That this synod recommends the plan proposed by the publishers of the proposed *Inland Monthly* for the introduction of said monthly to the public, viz: that of sending it out for inspection.

Resolved, That this synod hereby gives its approval of the articles of incorporation of the Board of Publication, as presented by the designated officers of synod through the Board of Publication. Respectfully submitted,

SIMON P. MYERS,
JOSHUA SCOTT,
JACOB IHLE,
WALLIAM H. SHULTS,
JOSEPH R. WISE,
Committee.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, O.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg, O.
Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, *Treasurer*, W. Alexandria, O.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. William A. Hale, Mr. Andrew H. Baughman,

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker,

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

On motion, with respect to the publication of the minutes, is was

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticted, published in the usual form, and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following matters received the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

J. H. Good, *in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from October 1, 1883, to October 1, 1884, as follows:*

DR.

By balance from last year		$446 32
Miami Classis, bill of 1883, in part		54 90
Lancaster Classis, bill of 1883, in full		43 85
Tuscarawas Classis, bill of 1883, in full		82 86
Tiffin Classis, bill of 1883, in full		50 83
Eastern Ohio Classis, bill of 1883, in full		47 09
Iowa Classis, bill of 1883, in full		17 31
Shelby Classis, bill of 1883, in full		8 02
Kansas Classis, bill of 1883, in full		7 40
St. Joseph Classis, bill of 1883, in full		22 25
Sale of Liturgies to November 1, 1883		91 40
		$872 23

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To cash paid Dr. Reiter, for seminary on sale of liturgies		$91 40
To cash sexton at West Alexandria		10 00
Dr. Reiter, salary as Stated Clerk		75 00
Dr. Reiter's general bill:		
Railroad orders	$1 25	
Expenses to synod at West Alexandria	3 20	
Printing tickets	1 25	
Carried forward	$5 70	$176 40

Amount brought forward	$5 70	$176 40
Expenses incorporating Board of Publication	2 65	
Expenses going to Dayton	2 00	
Wrapping paper, mailing, &c	2 25	
Postage stamps, &c	10 50	
Stationery and postage	5 00	
		$28 10
Printing 1,200 Minutes of Synod, 1883		122 00
Postage, expressage, drafts, &c., of treasurer		9 53
Apportionments of General Synod of Baltimore, 1884		235 00
		$571 03
Balance in treasury, October 1, 1884		301 20
		$872 23

UNPAID INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

Northern Illinois Classis, bill of 1879, in part	$6 00
" " " " 1880, in full	15 00
" " " " 1881, "	19 00
" " " " 1882, "	8 75
" " " " 1883, "	6 99
	$55 89
Miami Classis, bill of 1883, in part	46 56

OVERPAID.

Iowa Classis, 1882 and 1883	5 54

The undersigned begs leave to state yet, that he has now acted as treasurer for the synod for sixteen years, during which time the finances have been kept in good order, and all debts and expenses have been promptly paid. As my health has not been good for several years past, I desire to be relieved from the cares of this office. They are becoming too much of a burden. I therefore respectfully decline a reelection. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Finance would submit the following report:

The report of the treasurer referred to us was examined and found correct. From this report we find Northern Illinois Classis in arrears as follows:

Bill of 1879, in part	$6 00	
" 1880, in full	15 00	
" 1881, "	19 15	
" 1882, "	8 75	
" 1883, "	6 99	
Total arrearage of Northern Illinois Classis		$55 89
Miami Classis is in arrears on bill of 1883	$46 56	
Total delinquency due synod		$102 45

The following amounts have been referred to the committee to be apportioned among the several classes:

Home Missions	$5,000 00
Harbor Missions	235 00
Beneficiary Education	2,000 00
Contingent Expenses	1,653 75
Church Erection	492 00

These several amounts have been apportionated by the committee among the several classes as follows:

CLASSES.	Members 19 7-10, per Member.	Home Missions 26½c. per Member.	Harbor Missions 1¼c. per Member.	Education 10 3-5c. per Member.	Ch. Erection Springfield and Lima 8¾c. per Member.	Contingent Expen. 23-5c. per Member.
Miami	4644	$1,230 66	$58 05	$492 26	$406 35	$120 74
Lancaster	2551	676 02	31 89	270 40	223 21	66 33
Tuscarawas	3562	943 93	44 53	377 57	311 67	92 61
Tiffin	2077	549 88	25 94	219 95	181 56	53 95
Eastern Ohio	2163	573 20	27 03	229 27	189 26	56 24
Northern Illinois	336	89 04	4 58	38 80	29 40	9 52
Shelby	474	125 61	5 93	82 04	41 47	12 32
Iowa	910	241 15	11 38	96 46	79 62	23 66
St. Joseph	1706	452 09	21 33	180 84	149 21	44 36
Kansas	480	126 60	5 00	50 88	42 00	12 48
Total	18901	$5,008 18	$235 66	$2,038 47	$1,653 75	$492 21

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman.*

III. PAYMENT OF BILLS BY THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod namely:

1. Messrs. A. Thomson & Sons, $1.50 for printing 100 tickets for the use of the synod.

2. Rev. Abraham Bolliger, of Kansas Classis, $12, being one-third of his traveling expenses in attending the synod at Delaware, O.

3. Mr. ——— Siegfried, $10 for his services as sexton during the sessions of synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. John J. Leberman. This was received and adopted, and the committee was instructed to have one hundred of the nominations printed for the use of the synod. The election of the several boards was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. John D. Neff and George H. Leonard were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and during the same session reported the result.

For the result of the election in each cash, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVIII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, Revs. John Vogt, D. D., Simon P. Myers, and Samuel B. Yockey were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This committee, through the chairman, reported near the close of the last session, and the report was accepted, and the recommedations contained therein approved by synod.

On motion, during the morning session on Saturday, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. Louisville, Stark County, Ohio, was nomininated, and then the nominations closed. The stated clerk was instructed to cast the ballot, which was done. Therefore, the place chosen was Louisville, Stark County, Ohio, and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 14, A. D., 1885, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion, during the morning session on Thursday, Rev. Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., was appointed as reporter to report the proceedings of synod for the Associated Press, and Revs. Amos Casselman and Edwin R. Williard were appointed to furnish abstracts of the proceedings for the papers in Delaware. The duties assigned were attended to, and the services rendered appreciated.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That this synod return its thanks to the pastor *loci* and the families of this congregation for the intertainment and cordial hospitality given the members of the synod while in their midst; and instruct the pastor *loci* to read this resolution from the pulpit at his next preaching appointment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod are most gratefully extended to the choir of the Reformed Church in Delaware, Ohio, for their inspiring leadership in the services of song.

Resolved, That we, as a synod, hereby with grateful feelings return our sincere thanks to the ladies of this congregation for the sumptuous dinner served in the basement of the church on the last day of the sessions of the synod.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to tendor the cordial thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, convened in Deleware, Ohio, to the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis, the Columbus, Hocking Valley, and Toledo, and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway Companies, for permitting its delegates to pass over their respective roads at reduced rates.

The roll was called, and there were found absent without permission or excuse Rev. Edward M. Beck and Rev. John R. Skinner.

The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNED.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church now adjourns to meet in convention in the Reformed Church at Louisville, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 14, A. D., 1885, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, October 13th, 1884, at 1 o'clock, with singing, prayer, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction by the president.

AUSTIN HENRY, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D	Mt. Zion	2	190	48	4	6	11		180	4			8	2	179		$36 00	$600 00	5	Dayton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	2	335	40	6	1	8	4	280	3				2	260		325 00	1,500 00	12	Xenia, Ohio.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	320	135	13	1	8	3	265	3			3	1	240		166 00	2,400 00	16	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Joseph G. Shoemaker	West Alexandria	3	350	100	7	2	6	10	267	15		1	15	3	350		228 75	1,987 00	16	West Alexandria, O.
James T. Hale	Fairfield	3	355	170	5	14	23	19	300	4			8	3	340		70 00	1,000 00	13	Fairfield, Ohio.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	284	68	7	8	10	5	202	95		16	3	5	520		96 00	992 00	1	North Hampton, Ohio.
	Cæsar Creek	3	239	59	10	9	9	2	159	1			8	3	180	2	58 80	715 00	7	
	Highland 1	2	118	61	3		3		111	4			1	2	135		45 61	644 00	12	
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	1	72	25	4	1	7	9	63	2		3		1	103		25 00	400 00	5	Hamilton, Ohio.
	Port Jefferson 2	3	176	55	5				123				2	3	135		80 00	600 00	12	Swander's Crossing, O.
William A. Hale	First Ch., Dayton	1	464		13	3	32	23	373	3		10	4	1	300		433 99	2,610 00	20	Dayton, Ohio.
	Farmersville	2	278	119					235					1	270		100 00	600 00	6	Farmersville, Ohio.
	Winchester 3	1	37											1	80				1	" "
Lewis B. Clayton	N. Pittsburg	3	67		2	1	8	1	80		1	1	1	2	100		10 00	265 00	1	Union City, Ind.
Nathan W. Bloom	Hill Grove	3	200	52	11	4	12	4	150		4	2	1	3	225		36 00	550 00	10	Hill Grove, Ohio.
Solomon Ream	Tremont City	1	116	18		3	3	9	80	1		3	5	1	120		54 00	393 00	10	Tremont City, Ohio.
William H. Shults	Springboro	1	92	27	3	3	8	8	89			1	1	1	98		90 00	610 00	4	Springboro, Ohio.
	Mt. Carmel	2	100	30	5	1	1	2	99				3	2	100		107 00	263 00	10	Dayton, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	Germantown	2	183	60	11	9	19	19	165	7			1	2	235	1	237 00	1,059 00	8	Germantown, Ohio.
Levi Rike	Zion	1	14																1	Heno, Ohio.
John Stuck	Bradford	3	91	34	6	4	4	4	83				1	1	50			1,070 00	10	Greenville, Ohio.
	Greenville	1	40																2	" "
	Valley	2	171	85	3	5	9	5	110	7			4	2	149		101 00	650 00	12	Dayton, Ohio.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	257	50	7	12	25	7	200	3			5	4	300				12	Arcanum, Ohio.
Jonathan C. Beade, sup.	St. Paris	2	65	30			6		65					1	65			350 00	6	Sidney, Ohio.
" " " "	Salem	2	30	27				5	30					1	50			150 00	6	" "
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	Without charge																			Miamisburg, Ohio.
Thomas H. Winters	" "																		1	Xenia, Ohio.
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D	Ed. "Chr'n. World,"																			Dayton, Ohio.
Michael Loucks	" " "																			" "
Adam Hawker	Without charge																		1	" "
George H. Souder	" "																			Swander's Crossing, O.
Benj. F. Tucker	" "																			Bloom Centre, Ohio.
Total, 24.		56	4644	1293	125	87	210	139	4309	152	5	37	74	48	4581	3	$2,300 15	$19,208 00	220	

1. Supplied by Rev. B. F. Tucker. 2. Served by Rev. G. H. Souder 3. Served since November, 1884, by Rev. A. E. Baichly.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	457	100	20	4	12	5	380	3		11	5	2	260	1	$347 00	$1,163 00	10	Basil, Ohio.
John Vogt, D. D	Delaware	1	253	121	9	2	16	5	221	3		9	3	1	160	1	182 00	991 00	10	Delaware, Ohio.
Amos Casselman	Thornville	4	420	128	17	13	21	3	375	7		2	4	4	302	3	706 00	1,010 00	17	Thornville, Ohio.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Kinnickinnick	3	163	69	8		2	3	121			10	5	2	125		71 57	649 86	6	Kingston, Ohio.
Austin Henry	Winchester	4	288	104	29	6	17	11	245	3			4	3	260	1	564 25	1,644 80	10	Canal Winchester, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Stoutsville	3	260	118	10	1	15	5	150				3	3	225		150 00	700 00	7	Stoutsville, Ohio.
Francis M. Shults	Jerusalem Mission	4	145	58										3	251	1			6	Bremen, Ohio.
Henry H. Sandoe.*	Union	4	299	105	10	2	6	5	215	6			5	3	185		91 16	682 25	16	Baltimore, Ohio.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	243	63										2	110				2	Lancaster, Ohio.
James Heffley	North Union	1	23	14										1					2	Canal Winchester, O.
Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D.,	Without charge																			Lancaster, Ohio.
Henry King	" "																			Baltimore, Ohio.
Peter D. Schory	" "																			Lancaster, Ohio.
Jerome B. Henry	" "																			Pleasantville, Ohio.
Total, 14.		28	2551	880	103	28	89	37	1707	22		32	29	21	1878	7	$2,111 98	$6,840 91	86	

***Resigned and accepted a call to Bunker Hill charge, Ohio, St. Joseph Classis.**

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	3	280	136	6	4	9	14	347	17	6	3	6	4	420	2	$197 00	$1,105 00	25	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	281	87	15	7	41	2	269			17	2	3	252		178 00	620 00	17	Massillon, Ohio.
Edward H. Otting	Union	4	300	130	26	8	38	9	240	6		5	5		160		202 00	755 00	20	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Emil P. Herbruck	Grace Reformed	1	450	70	27	5	25	34	370	4			1	1	275	1		1,350 00	8	Akron, Ohio.
	Uniontown	4	239				2		205	5		13	6	4	275		60 00	600 00	16	Lake, Ohio.
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	312		11	4	6	8					5	2	150				12	Nimisilla, Ohio.
Abner R. Kremer	Trinity Reformed	1	236	120	8	4	5	11	155	4			4	1	175			600 00	15	Canton, Ohio.
Orange E. Lake	Shelby	4	175	20		1	3	3	150	1		11	4	4	200		50 00	1,000 00	17	Shelby, Ohio.
J. J. Excell	Reedsburg	3	189	65			1	1				1	2	3	200				10	Reedsburg, Ohio.
Albert Gonser	West Salem	4	179	31	6	4	12	9	173	3			6	3	187		95 00	900 00	17	West Salem, Ohio.
Jas. H. Steele	Mohican	3	173	83	5	3	10	4	133	4		1	2	3	200		98 00	650 00	8	Mohican, Ohio.
Rufus C. Zartman	English Reformed	1	100	40	8		11	4	80	1		9	4	1	106		226 00	2,500 00	10	Wooster, Ohio.
Edward M. Beck	Bristol	2	172	80	5		8	3	132	3		1	3	2	150		105 00	1,000 00	13	Marshallville, Ohio.
Jacob V. Lerch	Salem	1	110	16	5		1	8	74	3		3	2	1	113		63 00	463 00	9	Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Frederick Mayer	Apple Creek	1	123	40				6	95				2				55 00	570 00	6	Apple Creek, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams	Canaan	2	115		8		5	5	95				4	2	100		165 00	500 00	10	Canaan, Ohio.
Jno. J. M. Gruber	Navarre	4	128	11									4	4	340			61 00	12	Navarre, Ohio.
Theodore J. Bacher	Missionary																		1	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Without charge																		1	Apple Creek.
Total, 18.		46	3562	889	130	40	177	121	2518	51	6	53	69	38	3303	3	$1,495 00	$10,674 00	227	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommun'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	1st Church, Tiffin	1	217	115	10	6	15	13	201	8		1	4	1	200		$195 00	$5,100 00	10	Tiffin, Ohio.
Jacob Ihle	Zion	2	260	140	8		10	1	200	6			6	2	160		163 00		12	Bellevue, Ohio.
Samuel Z. Beam	Lima	2	25																6	Lima, Ohio.
William Smith	Fort Seneca	3	147	31	2		2	2	143					3	155		14 00	1,520 00	5	Fort Seneca, Ohio.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	107	50	7	4	8	7	82	4		5		2	100		28 00	210 00	5	Fostoria, Ohio.
John I. Swander	Fremont	1	95	45	6	2	6		90				1	1	60		20 00	560 00	6	Fremont, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber	Ada	4	164	70	3	7	14	5	163				4	4	209		1-3 00	529 00	15	Massillon, Ohio.
David M. Christman	Helena	2	100	59	7	2	7	2	110			20	7	2	192		60 00	600 00	6	Helena, Ohio.
Simon P. Myers	Bloomville	1	85	40	11									1	115				6	Bloomville, Ohio.
Samuel Shaw	Venice	2	60	40			6	6	50	6				2	100		20 00	1,000 00	9	" "
Jesse Richards	Lindsey	2	130	64	10	7	19	4	120	18		4	4	2	230		52 00		3	Lindsey, Ohio.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	2	172	60	11		13	8	172	10			8	1	120		54 00	850 00	20	Bellevue, Ohio.
Alpheus E. Baichly	St. Michael's	1	46	40	4	2	6		43			1	2	1	80			175 00	5	Grand Rapids, Ohio.
David S. Caldwell	Carey	3	60																4	Nevada, Ohio.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Bascom & St. Jacob's	3	155	102	30	1		3	116	4			6	2	114		130 00		12	Tiffin, Ohio.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D.D	Grace Church, Tiffin	1	12	58	8	2	13	14	119	3				1	120		33 00	6,500 00	7	" "
	Paulding Mission	3	59										1	1	75				3	
	Liberty Centre	1	70	55					54										6	
Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,	Pres't. Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D. D	Prof. in Theol. Sem																			" "
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D	Prof. in Heid. Col																			" "
Prof. Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid Col																			" "
Jacob Klingler	Without charge																			Upper Sandusky, O.
Charles W. Good	" "																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Augustus Konetska	" "																			Hammansberg, Ohio.
John V. Potts	" "																			North Robinson, O.
Total, 24.		36	2075	1069	117	33	119	65	1723	59		31	43	26	2030		$952 00	$17,244 00	140	

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	3	562	135	37	18	48	10	500	10		10	11	3	410	1	$250 00	$1,000 00	30	Louisville, Ohio.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	211	90	4	4	5	2	139	4				1	200		150 00	800 00	10	Columbiana, Ohio.
Chas. M. Schaaf	Mt. Olivet	2	256	152	10	1	13	6	231	7		8	7	2	94	1	75 00	875 00	10	North Lima, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	155	50	9	14	24	13	132	1			1	2	138		118 00	624 00	15	Germano, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Canfield-Warren	5	418	80	10	4	12		270	5			7	2	111		95 00	516 00	32	Canfield, Ohio.
Frank C. Witthoff	Springfield	2	160		7		15	3	133				2	2	160		50 00	950 00	6	New Middletown, O.
Richard B. Reichard	New Lisbon	2	246	126	9	1	3	6	167	4			3	2	173		*124 00	720 00	15	New Lisbon, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	155		2	4	6	7	155	5		5	5	2	200				13	Carrollton, Ohio.
C. Smith, sup	Moultrie	2																		
John Meckley	Without charge																			Petersburgh, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller	" "																			Carrollton, Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	" "																			Youngstown, Ohio.
John C. Klar	" "																			Navarre, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	" "																			Harmony, Pa.
Total, 14.		21	2163	633	88	46	126	47	1727	36		23	36	16	1486	2	$1,162 00	$5,485 00	131	

*Mrs. Bates, of New Lisbon City, contributed $300 to missions which is included in the benevolent total.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joshua Wolbach	Dakota	4	60	37				1	39					1	35		$1 00	$500 00	5	Dakota, Ill.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	1	42	20	4			1	30				1				20 00	80 00	3	Lena, Ill.
	Orangeville	4	114	125					93										5	Orangeville, Ill.
Daniel Lantz	Forreston	2	120	70					120					1	55	1		600 00	2	Forreston, Ill.
Frederick W. Stump	Without charge																			Redfield, Dakota.
Frank Wetzel	" "																			Dakota, Ill.
John Kercher	" "																			La Rose, Ill.
Samuel Mease, D. D	" "																			Chicago, Ill.
Total, 7.		11	336	252	4			2	282				1	2	90	1	$34 00	$1,180 00	15	

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Julius H. Shuford	Astoria	2	86	66	1			1	65				1	2	60		$33 00	$450 00	3	Summum, Ill.
Joseph F. Butler	Shelby	1	34	43	3			1	33	12		5	1	1	35		50 00	250 00	2	Shelbyville, Ill.
James H. Lippard	Anna	4	184		8	20	24		150	2		1	2	2	100		60 00	2,600 00	4	Anna, Ill.
John A. Seitz	Mt. Zion	2	111	62	4	2	18	3	88			2		2	134		111 00	425 00	3	Stonington, Ill.
	Altamont	3	59	55	1			4		2			1	2	85				1	Altamont, Ill.
Total, 4.		12	474	226	17	22	42	9	336	16		8	5	9	414		$254 00	$3,725 00	13	

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick C. Bauman	Harmony	2	123	95	9				90	3			1	1	90	1	$128 00	$447 00	3	Zwingli, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	138	89	7	4	7	7	126	8			5	2	155		168 00	1,032 00	4	Lisbon, Iowa.
John H. Buser	Coneville	3	120	40	4	11	15	2	100	3			2	1	103			400 00	5	Coneville, Iowa.
David P. Lefever	Pleasant Valley	1	46	49	5			3	43	4	1	4	5	1	40		60 00	160 00	3	Imogene, Iowa.
Henry Bair	Liscomb	2	37	10					31				2	2	110		96 00	367 00	6	Liscomb, Iowa.
Samuel C. Long	Boulder	2	91	30	7			6	65					2	75		49 00	850 00	3	Central City, Iowa.
Samuel L. Runkel	Wilton	1	44	21	3		2	5	32	8		4	2	1	44		53 00	451 00	3	Wilton Junction, Ia.
George A. House	Maquoketa	3	65	60	3	1	5		50	2			2	2	100		75 00	800 00	2	Maquoketa, Iowa.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	40	30	7			4	40	4				1	40		220 00	225 00	3	Monticello, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	2	92	46	11		4	6	60	4			3	1	40		20 00	200 00	2	Millersburg, Iowa.
*John Naille	†Leighton	1	22	10		2	2		20					1	100		5 00	250 00	1	Lyons, Iowa.
	‡Columbus Junction	2	92	100		10	18	4	90	4				1	58		20 00	225 00	2	
Total, 11.		24	910	480	56	28	53	37	657	40	1	8	22	16	950	1	$894 00	$5,407 00	37	

*Without charge. †Without pastor. ‡Supplied by Rev. J. H. Buser.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John L. Bretz	Bluffton	3	144	135			12	18	134	11		2	2	1	65	1	$107 00	$612 00	13	Bluffton, Ind.
Fred. F. Christine	Union	3	209	56	5	10	22	14	160				5	3	275		39 00	2,470 00	4	Waterloo, Ind.
William A. From	Marshall	4	202	110	20	7	21	10	166	3		10	4	4	243	2	84 00	530 00	4	Plymouth, Ind.
Louis Grosenbaugh	Three Rivers	1	100	65	7		17	2	80	2		20	1	1	90		29 00	600 00	4	Three Rivers, Mich.
" "	Moore Park	1	37	20				5	37				1		15	1	9 00	150 00	1	Moore Park, Mich.
William A. Miller	Winamac	4	110		17	12	20	25	98	2		24	2	4	250		56 00	678 00	2	Winamac, Ind.
Robert F. Oplinger	White Pigeon	2	110	45				3	103	2		5	8	2	120		45 00		3	White Pigeon, Mich.
Elias Spangler	Farmer	1	23																1	Edgerton, Ohio.
John R. Skinner	Wakeshma	3	148	34	3	5	11	3	100	19			3	3	199		300 00	708 00	9	Fulton, Mich.
Jesse Steiner	Bunker Hill	3	169	30	4	10	27	8	150				1	2	120				5	Pulaski, Ohio.
Allen K. Zartman	Zions	2	170	70	4	11	10	14	150	2		13	1	2	300		395 00	900 00	6	Goshen, Ind.
	1 Denver	3	102						43			3		1	75		3 00	85 00	4	Denver, Ind.
	2 Kentland Mission	2	27					5	21										1	Kentland, Ind.
	Neriah	2	62																	
	St. Paul	3	93	15	15				75			2		1	206		52 00	175 00		Bristol, Ind.
Andrew Butt	Without charge																			Toledo, Ohio.
George C. Garlach	" "																			Kentland, Ind.
William G. Hackman	" "																			Burr Oak, Mich.
Anson L. Hassler	" "																			Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Daniel Kroh	" "																			Toledo, Ohio.
Jonas Michael	" "																			Winamac, Ind.
Total, 16		36	1706	580	75	55	140	107	1317	41		79	23	24	2058	4	$1,118 00	$6,908 00	57	

1. Recently taken by Rev. Ernst R. C. Meyer. 2. Recently taken by Rev. George C. Gerlach.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David B. Shuey	Emporia	1	24	33	4			8	21					1	25		$15 00	$111 00	3	Emporia, Kan.
J. F. Graf	Zion's	1	79	93	3				65			5	1	1	76		27 00	420 00	2	Wathena, Kan.
George W. Remagen	Bethany	1	76	50	3		16	8	74				1	1	112		40 00	1,700 00	3	Hiawatha, Kan.
Siegfried Thomas	Zion's	1	10	8	4				8					1	10		182 00	20 00	1	Bunker Hill, Kan.
Isaac G. Brown	Wichita	1	31	12	2		6	7	31	1			1				14 00	1,000 00	1	Wichita, Kan.
Abraham Bolliger	New Basil	1	85	114	23		7	9	50				6	1	100		151 00	700 00	2	New Basil, Kan.
Allen R. Holshouser	Lyons	1	22	21				4	19	1				1	18		5 00	300 00	1	Lyons, Kan.
Solomon A. Alt	Allen County	2	31	44	11		3	2	29								7 00	21 00	1	Iola, Kan.
	1 Abilene	1	41	45			2	21	30								6 00	7 00	2	
Daniel J. Greenwald	Sabetha	2	66	62	6		1	4	60					2	50		15 00	250 00	2	Sabetha, Kan.
Hiram Shumaker	2 Holton	1	23	18															1	Holton, Kan.
E. F. Schorer	Without charge																			Twin Creek, Kan.
John W. Rauch	" "																			Martinsburg, W. Va.
Elias Bauman	" "																		1	Portland, Oregon.
Total, 13.		13	488	500	56		35	63	387	2		5	9	8	391		$462 00	$4,529 00	20	

1. Supplied by Rev. D. B. Shuey. 2. Last year's report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1884.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.
Miami	1	24	56	4644	1293	125	87	210	139	4309	152	5	37	74	48	4581	3	$2,300 15	$19,208 00	220
Lancaster	1	14	28	2551	880	103	28	89	37	1707	22		32	29	24	1878	7	2,111 98	6,840 00	68
Tuscarawas	1	18	46	3562	889	130	40	177	121	2518	51	6	53	69	38	3303	3	1,495 00	10,674 00	227
Tiffin	1	24	36	2075	1069	117	33	119	65	1723	59	..	31	43	26	2030	....	952 00	17,244 00	140
Eastern Ohio	1	14	21	2163	633	88	46	126	47	1727	36		23	36	16	1486	2	1,162 00	5,485 00	131
Northern Illinois	1	7	11	336	252	4	....	....	2	282	..		....	1	2	90	1	34 00	1,180 00	16
Shelby	1	4	12	474	226	17	22	42	9	336	16	..	8	5	9	414	....	254 00	3,725 00	13
Iowa	1	11	24	910	480	56	28	53	37	657	40	1	8	22	16	950	....	894 00	5,407 00	37
St. Joseph	1	16	36	1706	580	75	55	140	107	1317	41		79	23	24	2058	4	1,118 00	6,908 00	57
Kansas	1	13	13	480	500	56	....	35	63	387	2		5	9	8	391	....	462 00	4,529 00	20
Total	10	145	283	18901	6802	771	339	991	627	15963	419	12	276	311	211	17181	20	$10,783 13	$80,140 91	946

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1884.

SYNODS.																				
Synod in United States	9	206	450	71871	43031	5595	401	4108	1368	59083	700	6	318	2305	532	45713	47	$45,705 00	$282,916 00	
Synod of Ohio	10	145	283	18901	6802	771	339	991	627	15963	419	12	276	311	211	17181	20	10,783 13	80,140 91	
Synod of the Northwest	9	113	151	13672	10877	1228	19	857	979	10743	141	13	260	292	134	8069	35	12,617 00	60,865 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	57	130	12674	8665	839	48	667	464	10723	272		167	245	100	7907	13	11,076 49	54,383 60	
Synod of Potomac	10	140	287	29084	19067	1946	268	1422	866	24265	518	1	161	660	238	18191	23	29,968 90	143,554 94	
German Synod of the East	5	45	41	10831	6755	1929	22	772	719	8368	42	1	154	441	42	7503	6	6,978 00	59,335 00	
Central Synod	4	74	119	15916	10896	1219	38	929	532	12509	223	26	210	391	103	9440	20	10,156 00	66,530 00	
1884. Grand Total: Synods 7	52	780	1461	172949	106093	13527	1135	9746	5555	141654	2315	59	1546	4645	1360	114004	164	$127,284 52	$747,725 43	
1883. " " " 7	52	783	1465	169530	103112	12665	1018	9233	5043	136899	2122	68	1699	4787	1378	114720	145	101,148 00	779,572 00	

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*CORRECTION.—On page 80, in the Report of the Committee on Finance, a typographical error occurs with respect to the amounts apportioned among the classes for *Church Erection* and *Contingent Expenses*. Transpose these so as to read Church Erection $1,653.75 and Contingent Expenses $492.00. This error had been corrected in the proofs, but was overlooked by the printer.—*Stated Clerk.*

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SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSIONS

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in general convention in the Reformed Church at Louisville, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of October, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and closed its sessions on the following Monday morning, at a quarter before twelve o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened, according to appointment, in the Reformed Church at Louisville, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, October 14, A. D. 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened with singing, reading of Scripture, and prayer, conducted by the stated clerk. Rev. Sebastian C. Goss was appointed president *pro tempore*, and the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization, by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon was preached, on Thursday evening, by Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., by appointment of the synod, based on Psalm xvii. 15: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Samuel B. Yockey, William C. B. Shulenberger, Amos Casselman, Daniel R. Taylor, George H. Souder, Alpheus E. Baichly, William H. Shults, Edwin R. Williard, John Stuck, Jonathan C. Beade, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

Elders.—Horace Ankeney. Joseph Copp, Philip Frank Cost, Andrew J. Byrd, Benjamin Meckley, Lewis C. Garver, and Robert M. Kinney.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—George H. Leonard and David M. Christman.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Sebastian C. Goss, Edward H. Otting, Emil P. Herbruck, John C. Schaaf, Abner R. Kremer, Rufus C. Zartman, Frederick Mayer, John J. M. Gruber, Solomon Ream, Edward M. Beck, E. Garver Williams, and Orange E. Lake.

Elders.—Henry F. Rees, John Harter, Abraham Dickerhoof, Haman Bordner, William H. Bahl, Philip Treash, and Joseph Hershey (*secundus*).

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Jacob Ihle, Morris Z. Hittel, John I. Swander, D. D., Samuel Shaw, Isaac A. Sites, H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., George W. Williard, D. D., and Herman Rust, D. D.

Elders.—John T. Derr, John Royer, and Edward Andre.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, Jacob V. Lerch, Charles M. Schaaf, Reuben Keller, John M. Kendig, Nathan W. Bloom, Richard B. Reichard, Isaiah S. Hahn, George W. Henning, and Frank C. Witthoff.

Elders.—John Coy, Robert Bell, William Yeager, William Metz, George H. Fife, Aaron A. Wagner, and Michael Fox.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Minister.—Harvey L. Hart.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Minister.—John A. Seitz.

IOWA CLASSIS.

There were no members present.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John L. Bretz and John V. Potts.
Elders.—John H. Bender and Samuel Wineland.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

There were no members present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.—Rev. Edward D. Miller.

From St. John's Classis, Central Synod.—Revs. Frederick Strassner and Joseph A. Keller.

From Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.—Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. W. B. Leggett, United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *Cor. Secretary*, Germantown, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order, the reading of which was dispensed with, were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the full limits of the audience room.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod, were as follows:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two, and close at half-past four o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Revs. John J. Leberman, John L. Bretz, and Harvey L. Hart; Elders Samuel Wineland and William Yeager.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Reuben Keller, and Amos Casselman; Elders William Metz and George H. Fife.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Solomon Ream, Morris Z. Hittel, and John V. Potts; Elders William Metz and George H. Fife.

Overtures.—Revs. Alpheus E. Baichly, John M. Kendig, and Isaac A. Sites; Elders John T. Derr and John Royer.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., John I. Swander, D. D., and George W. Williard, D. D.; Elders Robert Bell and William Yeager.

State of Religion.—Revs. Isaac A. Sites, Herman Rust, D. D., and Jacob Ihle; Elders Benjamin Meckley and Philip Treash.

Missions.—Revs. John M. Kendig, Nathan W. Bloom, and Edward H. Otting; Elders John Coy and John H. Bender.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, Edward M. Beck, and Jacob Ihle; Elders Edward Andre and John T. Derr.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. John C. Schaaf, Frederick Mayer, and Jacob V. Lerch; Elders Samuel Wineland and Henry F. Rees.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Revs. Jacob Ihle, Amos Casselman, and Richard B. Reichard; Elders William Metz and John Coy.

Publication.—Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., John J. Leberman, and John I. Swander, D. D.; Elders Robert Bell and John T. Derr.

Finance.—Revs. John I. Swander, D. D., Sebastian C. Goss, and Rufus C. Zartman; Elders Horace Ankeney and John T. Derr.

Nominations.—Revs. Rufus C. Zartman, Alpheus E. Baichly, and Richard B. Reichard; Elders Henry F. Rees and Robert Bell.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received and respectively referred:

1. The minutes of the classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, St. Joseph, and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the state of religion and statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its treasurer, together with the reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. The reports of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

4. The reports of the Trustees of Heidelberg College, and of the financial agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

5. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

6. The report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Several other papers and communications were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and action thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, namely:

1. The synod spent the first half-hour of each morning session, except that on Monday, in devotional services, and the sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Reformed Church, Louisville.—Thursday evening, synodical sermon, by Rev. John I. Swander, D. D. Friday evening, ordination sermon, by Rev. H. Rust, D. D. Saturday, at 2 P. M., preparatory services, sermon by Rev. R. C. Zartman, and liturgical service by Rev. E. R. Williard. Saturday evening, sermon by Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger. Sunday morning, at 10:30, communion of the Lord's Supper, sermon by Rev. S. B. Yoney, liturgical service by Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., and distribution of the sacramental symbols by ministers of the synod. Sunday, at 3 P. M., church orphanages, by Rev. P. C. Prugh. Sunday evening, missionary meeting, addresses by Revs. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., E. R. Williard, and others, with five-minute speeches.

United Brethren Church, Louisville.—Morning, Rev. A. E. Baichly, and evening, Rev. J. C. Schaaf.

Progressive Brethren, Louisville.—Afternoon, Rev. D. R. Taylor.

Paris.—Sunday morning, Rev. G. H. Leonard.

Robertsville.—Sunday afternoon, Rev. D. M. Christman.

St. Peter's.—Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. Casselman.

St. Paul's.—Sunday morning, Rev. W. H. Shults.

Strasburg.—Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. V. Potts.

German Church, Canton.—Sunday, Rev. C. M. Schaaf.

Trinity Church, Canton.—Sunday, Rev. I. S. Hahn.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

IN MEMORIAM SERVICES.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That, immediately after the preparatory services on Saturday afternoon, *in memoriam services* be held in honor to the memory of Revs. David Winters, D. D., Austin Henry, Andrew Butt, Henry King, and Isaac G. Brown, all members of the Ohio Synod, and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, who have been called to their blessed reward during the last synodical year; and that the president be instructed to appoint speakers for the occasion.

The speakers, as appointed, consist of the following members of the synod, namely: Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., to deliver an address with respect to Rev. D. Winters, D. D.; Rev. G. H. Leonard, with respect to Rev. A. Henry; Rev. J. V. Potts, with respect to Rev. A. Butt; Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., with respect to Rev. H. King; and Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger, with respect to Rev. I. G. Brown.

At the appointed time the services, opened with prayer by Rev. P. C. Prugh, and interspersed with singing, were observed as ordered by the synod, and were of an impressive and interesting character.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Two copies of the minutes of the last Ohio Synod were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted the following report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully submits the following:

Item 1, page 38. The Church Erection Board is instructed to borrow four thousand dollars.

Item 2, page 51. The appointment of a Permanent Committee in the interests of the Theological Seminary.

Item 3, page 54. The report of the committee in regard to the appointment of Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., to a special lectureship in the Theological Seminary, is laid on the table till this meeting of the synod.

Item 4, page 59. The stated clerk is instructed to draw an order for $250.00 in favor of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Item 5, page 63. The several classes are instructed to bring before their churches the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 6, page 72. The organization of a new synod in the West is authorized, if desired by certain classes.

Item 7, page 78. The stated clerk is instructed to have 1,200 copies of the minutes of the synod of 1884 published.

Item 8, page 80. Apportionments to the respective classes.

Item 9, page 82. The stated clerk is instructed to return thanks to certain railway companies.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: For result reached in Item 1, see report of Standing Committee on Missions; in Item 2, for report of Permanent Committee, see Article XIV, Theological Seminary; in Item 3, the report was indefinitely postponed; in Items 4, 7, and 9, it was reported that the duties required were attended to; Items 5 and 6 were laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented their report, when they were respectively adopted with Items 12 and 17 in said report; and for action in Item 8, see action on Item 8 in report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The following is the report of the Standing Committee on Classical Minutes, which is herewith submitted for action of

the synod. The committee would state, before entering upon the report proper, that Shelby Classis, at the time for holding its last annual meeting, failed to secure a quorum, and consequently no business was transacted. From Iowa Classis no report was received.

I. APPEALS.

1. Rev. G. W. H. Smith appeals from the action of Miami Classis, in dissolving his relation with the Cæsar's Creek charge, and confirming a call to another pastor, before the charge had met their temporal contract with him as the former pastor.

2. Miami Classis appoints Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., D. R. Taylor, and J. B. Henry, as counsel to defend the action of the classis in said appeal case before the Ohio Synod.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. Kansas Classis requests the synod to relieve it from all apportionments, excepting those for Home Missions, Harbor Missions, and contingent expenses.

4. Northern Illinois Classis requests the synod to be excused from all apportionments, excepting those for Harbor Missions and contingent expenses.

5. St. Joseph Classis overtures the synod to add another column to its statistical blanks, for reporting circulation of church papers.

6. St. Joseph Classis asks the synod to ratify the action of a special meeting of the classis, on April 7, 1885, at which time there was no quorum present.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

7. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph classes, adopt the synod's apportionments.

8. St. Joseph Classis refuses to pay the proportion of its apportionment falling to the Neriah charge and the Bristol congregation, because of a doubt as to their organic connection with the classis.

9. Kansas Classis resolves that, with reference to last year's action of the synod on the subject, it is unable to comply with the request of the synod as to apportionment.

10. Tuscarawas Classis adopts the direction of the synod for

classes to pay their missionary apportionments in semi-annual installments.

11. Miami, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph classes, take favorable action on the synod's request that the Orphans' Homes be recommended to the liberality of the churches.

12. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, and St. Joseph classes, adopt the action of the synod with reference to the Society for the relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

13. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, St. Joseph, and Kansas classes, accept the action of the synod with reference to Sunday-school conventions and work.

14. Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, St. Joseph, and Kansas classes, accept the synod's action as to Children's Day.

15. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, and Kansas classes, take favorable action on the observance of a Reformation Memorial Day.

16. Miami, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, and St. Joseph classes, adopt the request of the synod with reference to increasing the circulation of the CHRISTIAN WORLD.

17. Northern Illinois Classis adopts the synod's action with reference to the forming of a new synod.

18. Kansas Classis rejects the synod's action in regard to forming a new synod, because it regards it as inexpedient and unconstitutional.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

19. Miami Classis received Revs. J. B. Henry and A. Casselman from Lancaster Classis, and dismissed Rev. S. Ream to the Tuscarawas Classis.

20. Lancaster Classis received Rev. G. W. H. Smith from Miami Classis, and Rev. D. M. Christman from Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Revs. J. B. Henry, A. Casselman, and Dr. S. F. Hershey to Miami Classis, Rev. J. W. Barber to Tiffin Classis, and Rev. H. H. Sandoe to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

21. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. S. Ream from Miami Classis, Rev. J. A. Novinger from St. John's Classis, and Student R. R. Lackey from Tiffin Classis; examined and licensed R. R. Lackey and L. P. Gross; dismissed Licentiate L. P. Gross and Rev. T. J. Bacher to the St. Joseph Classis, and Rev. L. M. Kerschner to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, and Rev. J. V. Lerch to the Eastern Ohio Classis.

22. Tiffin Classis received Rev. I. A. Sites from Northern Illinois Classis, and Rev. J. W. Barber from Lancaster Classis; examined and licensed Students S. U. Snyder and M. Z. Hittel; dismissed Rev. D. M. Christman to Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. V. Potts to St. Joseph Classis, Student R. R. Lackey to Tuscarawas Classis, and Licentiate S. U. Snyder to Philadelphia Classis, Synod in the United States.

23. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. N. W. Bloom from Miami Classis, Rev. G. W. Henning from St. John's Classis, Central Synod, and Rev. J. V. Lerch from Tuscarawas Classis; dismissed Rev. J. C. Klar to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

24. Northern Illinois Classis received Harvey L. Hart as a licentiate from the United Brethren Church, and ordained him, and dismissed Rev. I. A. Sites to Tiffin Classis.

25. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. T. J. Bacher from the Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. J. V. Potts from Tiffin Classis, Student I. Rothenberger from Indiana Classis, and Student W. E. Ludwick from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; examined and licensed Students I. Rothenberger and W. E. Ludwick; dismissed Rev. J. Steiner to Miami Classis, and Rev. F. F. Christine to Tohickon Classis, Synod in the United States.

26. Kansas Classis received Rev. T. F. Stauffer from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

27. Miami Classis will meet at Farmersville, Ohio, the first Thursday before the full moon, May 13, 1886, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. H. Souder, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

28. Lancaster Classis will meet at Sugar Grove, Ohio, the first Thursday on or before the full moon in the month of May,

1886. Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

29. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in the English Reformed Church, Wooster, Ohio, on the last Tuesday of May, 1886, at 3 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. R. Kremer, President; Rev. R. C. Zartman, Stated Clerk; Mr. E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

30. Tiffin Classis will meet at Fostoria, Ohio, on the last Friday in May, 1886, at 7 P. M. Rev. J. D. Neff. President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

31. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in the Mt. Olivet Church, Mahoning County, Ohio, on the first Thursday after the first full moon in May, 1886, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. R. Keller, President; Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk; Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

32. Northern Illinois Classis will meet at Orangeville, on Thursday, May 20, 1886, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. Sechler, President and Treasurer; Rev. J. Wolbach, Stated Clerk.

33. Shelby Classis will meet in the St. Paul's Reformed Church, Shelby charge, the Thursday, on or before the full moon in January, A. D. 1886, at 7 P. M. Rev. J. H. Shuford, President; Rev. J. F. Butler, Stated Clerk; Mr. John Runkel, Treasurer.

34. Iowa Classis will meet at*

35. St. Joseph Classis will meet at Bluffton, Indiana, the Thursday on or preceding the full moon in May, 1886, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. K. Zartman, President; Rev. J. R. Skinner, Stated Clerk; Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treasurer.

36. Kansas Classis will meet in Bethany Reformed Church, Hiawatha, Kansas, May 20, 1886, at 7 P. M. Rev. D. B. Shuey, President and Treasurer; Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON REAM, *Chairman.*

The following disposition was made of this report: For action in Item 1, see Article XVIII, Appeals and References; in Items 3, 4, and 5, the requests were not granted; for action in Items 6, 17, 18, and 22, see Article XX, Church Government; Item 7, with Item 8, in report of Synodical Minutes, was adopted; in Item 8, it was decided that, inasmuch as the synodical apportionments are made annually, according to the statistics as

*The facts for this item were not received when going to press, and hence could not be inserted here. See end of minutes.—[STATED CLERK.

furnished by the classes, the synod, therefore, respectfully requests St. Joseph Classis to accept the apportionments as made one year ago; in Item 9, Kansas Classis was excused; the items adopted were 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 to 36, inclusive.

ADDENDUM.

During the afternoon session on Friday, when the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reached, in their report, Item 22, having reference to "receptions and dismissions" of ministers, objection was made that certain names were omitted by the committee, with respect to Tiffin and Miami classes. It was stated by the committee that no such names appeared in that connection in the minutes placed in their hands from said classes, and therefore said minutes must be defective or incomplete. After some discussion, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the item (22) be adopted, and that the stated clerk of the synod be requested to call the attention of the stated clerks of Tiffin and Miami classes to the fact that their annual transcript reports are deficient in the dismission of Rev. A. E. Baichly from the former, and the reception of Rev. A. E. Baichly and Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger by the latter.

WHEREAS, It appears, from facts brought before this synod, that Rev. A. E. Baichly was dismissed from Tiffin Classis, and received by Miami Classis; Rev. N. W. Bloom was dismissed by Miami Classis to the Eastern Ohio Classis; and Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger was received by Miami Classis; and there is no mention of these transactions in the official reports from these classes; therefore,

Resolved, That the stated clerk of this synod is hereby instructed to write to the stated clerks of these classes, ascertain officially in regard to the dismission and reception of these brethren, and state it accordingly in the minutes.

Resolved, That the stated clerks of Tiffin and Miami classes be censured for not furnishing a complete *verbatim* transcript of their minutes to the Ohio Synod.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the foregoing action, the stated clerk of the synod directed the attention

of said stated clerks to the matter in question, and received in answer statements to this effect:

The stated clerk of Miami Classis officially reported, October 28, 1885, that Rev. A. E. Baichly and Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger were regularly received by Miami Classis, at its special meeting, held in Dayton, Ohio, April 2, 1885, the former from Tiffin Classis, and the latter from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; also, that Rev. N. W. Bloom was dismissed, at the same time, to the Eastern Ohio Classis.

The stated clerk of Tiffin Classis officially certified, on the 1st of November, 1885, that Rev. A. E. Baichly was regularly dismissed from Tiffin Classis to Miami Classis, at a special meeting held in Tiffin, February 27, 1885.

The following action was adopted by the synod:

WHEREAS, The minutes and statistics of Iowa Classis were not received by the Ohio Synod during its annual meeting at Louisville, Ohio, in October, 1885; therefore,

Resolved, That the stated clerk of the synod be instructed to procure the minutes of Iowa Classis, and embody in the minutes of the synod the statistics of said classis, together with the item (34) relating to its next annual meeting.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, presented their report, which was received and considered, item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Overtures desire to present the following as their report:

Item 1. Is a letter of regret from Rev. Joseph F. Butler, stated clerk of Shelby Classis, with reference to the failure of said classis to secure a quorum to hold its annual meeting.

Item 2. An action of the Trustees of Heidelberg College respecting the attendance of the members of their board upon their meetings.

Item 3. Is an overture from Miami Classis, asking the synod to apportion a certain amount as a permanent fund for church erection purposes.

Item 4. Is a petition from the Woman's Missionary Society of Miami Classis, asking the synod to adopt measures with reference to the subject of establishing woman's missionary societies in all the classes, and ultimately one in the synod.

Item 5. Is an overture from the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions to the Ohio Synod, with reference to establishing a mission in Chicago, Illinois.

Item 6. Is the report of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphan's Home, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Item 7. Is an appeal of Rev. G. W. H. Smith, of Lancaster, Ohio, against the action of Miami Classis, with reference to his claim of a balance on salary against the Cæsar's Creek charge of Miami Classis. The appeal, and all the papers, are in the hands of the committee.

Item 8. Is a letter from Rev. J. R. Skinner, in which he asks for himself and his elder to be excused for absence from the synod.

Item 9. Is a letter from Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, asking to be excused for non-attendance at the synod, because of illness.

Respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: In Item 1, in view of the circumstances in the case, Shelby Classis was excused; Item 2 was referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College; Items 3 and 4 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; for action in Item 5, see Article XIII, Missions; for action in Item 6, see Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in Item 7, see Article XVIII, Appeals and References; and in Items 8 and 9 the requests were granted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

At the morning session on Friday, application was made for the ordination of Licentiate Luther P. Gross, as missionary to Kentland, Indiana, and he was referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

This committee, during the afternoon session on the same day, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, respectfully report:

1. That no applicants for examination and licensure have been referred to them.

2. That a request from Licentiate Luther P. Gross, to be ordained as missionary to Kentland, Indiana, this (Friday) evening, was placed in the hands of the committee. The committee respectfully recommend that the request of Bro. Gross be granted, and that in connection with the regular service this evening, the officers of the synod be respectfully requested to conduct the ordination services.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

According to appointment in the foregoing report, the ordination of Licentiate Luther P. Gross was carried into effect on Friday evening, October 16, 1885, in the Reformed Church at Louisville, Ohio. Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., preached the sermon from John xv. 8: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." The charge was delivered by Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., and the prayer was offered by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., both of whom united with Rev. H. Rust, D. D., and Rev. S. C. Goss in the solemn act of ordination by the laying on of hands.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the session on Monday evening, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—It becomes us, as pensioners of the bountiful grace of God, to express devout gratitude for all his mercies, both temporal and spiritual.

His goodness toward us, as a synod, has been abundantly manifested in the success which has attended the labors of its ministers. From the reports of the various classes, we are enabled to glean much that is encouraging, while at the same time there are other facts which are not so pleasant to contemplate.

Among the encouraging features, we note that the gospel has been faithfully proclaimed by the brethren, and it has proved to be the power of God unto salvation to all who believed. While it is true that skepticism and infidelity are abroad, seeking, if it were possible, to "deceive even the very elect," the words of Him who "spake as never man spake" have been gloriously triumphant in leading scores of souls out of the labyrinths of doubt into the clear light of day. This fact most positively assures us that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church.

As a supplement to the preached word, the sacrament of the Holy Supper has been dispensed regularly in all our congregations. And while some have neglected to avail themselves of its blessed benefits, the many have had their faith increased, and their hope confirmed, in the lawful use of this most comforting service. Like Elijah of old, who, partaking of angels' food, went, in the strength of that meat, to Horeb, the mount of God, so these have been strengthened for their journey to the Mount Zion above.

We also mention with pleasure, that the time-honored and scripture-warranted mode of catechisation has been receiving increased attention. The youth of our congregations have been taught, by this means, what they are by nature, and what they must be by grace in order to be saved; or, as the catechism more fully expresses it, they have learned how great their sins and miseries are, how they may be delivered from their sins and miseries, and how to express their gratitude to God for such deliverance.

Closely allied to this method of Christian work, we mention that more modern form of instruction, the Sunday-school. This important branch of church work has received increased

attention during the past year. The various reports indicate that new zeal has been manifested in this direction. The encouraging number of scholars which have been converted within the year, fully warrants the belief that the Sunday-school is a powerful agency for good, and deserves still greater encouragement. Especially should parents be more interested in it, since by this means their sons and daughters are brought to Christ. It is a matter for congratulation that classical Sunday-school conventions are becoming more numerous, thus greatly increasing its efficiency.

The new departure which has been inaugurated in the appointing of a Children's Day, has been attended by most happy results. Our children are made to feel, in such a service, that they are of some account in carrying on the work of the church. The training it will give them in cultivating the grace of liberality can not well be over-estimated.

As a denomination we are coming to realize, more and more, that the women of the church may be real help-meets. In many of our pastoral charges they have organized themselves into societies, and are doing a noble work in the way of developing a missionary spirit, and in raising funds to carry on this department of church work. At least two of our classes, Miami and Northern Illinois, have organized classical woman's missionary societies, and we trust that the day is not far distant when every synod shall have its society, and when the General Synod shall devote at least one evening of its triennial sessions to the noble women of the church, for the transaction of business pertaining to their societies. Why not? Women were last at the cross and first at the sepulcher, and should we, in this age of progress, refuse to invite them into our ecclesiastical conventions, since they have shown themselves so willing and capable of doing the work so auspiciously begun?

We come, now, to a sadder feature, the consideration of which will, we trust, lead to the adoption of some plan by which the matter may be remedied. We refer to the scarcity of ministers. Overgrown charges must be divided into new fields of labor, and new territory is constantly opening up to us, which requires more laborers. From the far west comes the cry for more ministers. But, alas! we are unable to sup-

ply the demand. To meet this pressing want, pastors should seek out young men of piety, and lay this matter before them, and urge them to consider whether God has not called them to the work of the ministry.

And here again the help and influence of pious mothers is in demand. Like Hannah of old, they can offer their infant sons to the Lord, and by prayer consecrate them to this holy calling. By so doing, the ranks of the ministry may be so replenished, that when the Macedonian cry is raised, the church will be able to respond promptly, and send them messengers of peace and salvation.

We are further reminded of the necessity in this direction, by the fact that five of the ministers belonging to the Ohio Synod have fallen since our last meeting. Several of them had been pioneers of the church in the west, and had, therefore, long borne the burden and heat of the day, while at least one of the number was just in the prime of his ministerial career. These now sainted dead have fought a good fight, have finished their course, and are now waving the victor's palms in the elysian fields above. The places made vacant by their removal must be filled from the ranks of young men who have been called to the work. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Let us pray that the Lord will send more laborers into his harvest.

We are admonished, by the departure of these men, to be more earnest and faithful in our work, since we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man shall come. Let us so labor, that when he cometh he may say to us: "Well done, good and faithful servants; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

And, finally, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC A. SITES, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports on missions were received and considered respectively, and also afterwards adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.

To the Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—A faithful review of our work during the past year, an honest view of the present condition of the field, and an intelligent outlook into the future, will furnish reason for gratitude and regrets, hopes and fears.

We have, in all, twelve missions now under our care. One, New Basil, Kansas, became self-sustaining, according to last year's expectation, January 1, 1885. Another, Springfield, Ohio, against all our expectations a year ago, has been, for the time being at least, abandoned. It is needless to enter into a full detail of particulars as to all the causes which, in the end, led to this decision. Unforeseen circumstances and obstacles seemed to rise before the eyes of the board and the mission, soon after the last annual meeting of this synod; and when the missionary was allowed to withdraw, and the field was at least temporarily abandoned, it seemed to the board; under all the circumstances, as we can see them now, the best thing to do. This belief, it was understood, was shared by the missionary and by the classis in whose bounds the mission was located.

The following detailed statement of the several missions now under our care, is respectfully submitted:

1. *Jerusalem Mission.* Served during the year by Rev. F. M. Shults; 146 communicants in 4 congregations. Commendable efforts seem to have been put forth by the missionary, and numerically the churches have been increased. The support of the churches, however, does not give encouragement that the mission is rapidly approaching a self-sustaining condition, which, under the board's action, must be reached at least during the next three years.

2. *Greenville.* For over a year vacant, save as supplied by the classis. The promised reconstruction was not secured. At the suggestion of the classical committee, and the church's

call, Rev. J. C. Beade has lately been commissioned, and from reports the spirit of the mission seems revived. Appropriation, $400.

3. *Paulding.* During the early part of the year supplied by R. R. Lackey, a student of the seminary. The board commissioned Rev. J. W. Barber, July 1, 1885, at an appropriation of $250. The condition of the mission, owing to changes and vacancies, has been somewhat discouraging, but it is hoped now that the work will go on more prosperously.

4. *Lima.* Rev. S. Z. Beam, the missionary one year ago, under the circumstances found it better, in his judgment, to be relieved, and accordingly the mission was again vacant from March 1st to July, 1885, when M. Z. Hittel, of the seminary, was commissioned, licensed, and ordained, and has since been prosecuting the work with great energy. He promises to stand by the work, and hopes for success. His entire time will, from this date forward, be given to the city. Appropriation, $500.

5. *Ft. Wayne, Ind.* The promising outlook of this mission from the beginning has been unchanged. Pastor and people are united in the work, and encouraged at the blessing of God. A steady growth gives encouragement to the church at large to believe that this work is not in vain. The appropriation remains unchanged at $800. The self-sacrificing spirit in which the people go about the liquidating of their own church debt is most commendable.

6. *Kentland, Ind.* This mission again became vacant, by the resignation of Rev. G. C. Gerlach, July 1, 1885. The board, at its session three months ago, commissioned Luther P. Gross, of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin. This brother has already entered upon his work, and reports a good prospect. The standing of the mission is substantially unchanged from last report. Appropriation, $300.

7. *Holton, Kansas.* The missionary, Rev. H. Shumaker, under some discouragement, asked to be relieved three months ago. This the board, under all the circumstances, did not deem best, and accordingly the brother is still at work. It is needless to conceal the fact that the work in this field has been laborious and slow of progress. The future is still somewhat doubtful. Appropriation, $350.

8. *Lyons, Kansas.* Rev. A. R. Holshouser continues the missionary. His present appropriation is $275. Present condition probably nothing in advance of one year ago.

9. *Wathena, Kansas (German).* This field became vacant during the year, by the removal of its faithful pastor, Rev. J. F. Graf, who felt called to another work, and who believed the time had come when an English-speaking minister ought to be in the field. Up to this time the desired successor has not yet been obtained. The appropriation has been $100.

10. *Altamont, Ill.* Served during the year by Rev. J. F. Butler. His resignation, however, has just been accepted, and the field is again without a shepherd.

11. *Liberty Center*, in the bounds of Tiffin Classis, remains substantially as one year ago, nothing having been done by the board during the year.

12. *Venice Mission.* Also in the bounds of Tiffin Classis. Pastor, Rev. S. Shaw. By classical reconstruction, the field of labor has been enlarged, and promises soon to be self-sustaining. The appropriation is $200.

It is easy to see, from the foregoing, that the condition of our churches and missionary charges has by no means been so encouraging as we might desire. Our scattered field, meager funds, and scarcity of laborers, will serve to explain the nature of the difficulties we have to encounter.

Small appropriations may explain the frequent changes, and these again the slow progress made in the permanent growth of our missions. The same conditions have also precluded the board from opening up new fields, as in more instances than one it has been suggested we ought to do. For a fuller statement and clearer view of the situation in this regard, reference may be made to the treasurer's report, also submitted to this body.

The attention of the synod is called to the fact that the terms of office of Rev. S. C. Goss and Elder Robert Bell expire with this date.

Respectfully submitted.

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
President Board of Missions.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO, October 15, 1885.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 10, 1884, to October 14, 1885.*

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To cash on hand October 10, 1884	$280 38	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	672 20	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer	785 95	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard	388 40	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn	433 69	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. R. Skinner	200 00	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	343 20	
Kansas Classis, Rev. D. B. Shuey	76 64	
Shelby Classis, Mr. J. Runkel	30 73	
Ursinus Union, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D.	176 00	
Rev. E. R. Williard	50 00	
Springfield Mission, Rev. E. R. Williard	26 00	
Christmas gift from a friend	25 00	
		$3,488 19

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Rev. T. J. Bacher	$792 98	
Rev. E. R. Williard	262 50	
Rev. S. Z. Beam	218 27	
Rev. H. Shumaker	458 19	
Rev. A. R. Holshouser	297 92	
Rev. G. C. Gerlach	186 48	
Rev. F. M. Shults	190 18	
Rev. S. Shaw	248 86	
Rev. J. F. Butler	112 50	
Rev. M. Z. Hittel	135 85	
Rev. J. F. Graf	68 15	
Rev. A. Bolliger	28 00	
Rev. L. P. Gross	95 00	
Rev. S. Thomas	50 00	
Rev. J. C. Beade	75 00	
Rev. J. W. Barber	20 00	
Rev. S. C. Goss	20 30	
Rev. S. U. Snyder	5 00	
Rev. J. M. Kendig	5 25	
Rev. C. M. Schaaf	4 50	
Rev. H. F. Keller	5 00	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	4 35	
Postage, exchange, etc.	16 65	
Cash on hand	186 21	
		3,488 19

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

That the Synod of Ohio, as well as the Reformed Church in the United States, has overlooked, to a certain extent, the special work of church erection, is evident from the fact that it has not even laid the foundation of a fund for that particular work. At the meeting of the Ohio Synod, at Delaware, two

important mission points were under consideration, and it was proposed to place the board in a position to assist these two points, as will be seen by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this synod appropriate for this purpose $4,000, to be apportioned among the several classes as follows: One-third and the interest the first year, one-third the second, and one-third the third year.

Resolved, That the Church Erection Board be instructed to borrow this amount at once, with directions to expend a sum not to exceed three-fourths of it on the Springfield Mission, and the balance on the Lima Mission; provided, in the judgment of the Boards of Missions and Church Erection, such last appropriation be deemed judicious. But with the proviso, in both cases, that the Board of Church Erection take a mortgage on the property in every case where such appropriation is made.

With this action before it, the board met, organized, and proceeded to its work. A committee was appointed to secure the funds necessary to save the mission at Lima, and assist the new enterprise at Springfield. One thousand dollars was readily secured, and it was proposed to devote this to the Lima Mission. Dr. Reiter was appointed a committee to proceed to Lima to adjust the matter. He did so, paying off claims to the amount of one thousand dollars, having procured from the trustees of the church a deed conveying the property to the Board of Church Erection in trust for the church. Also, the insurance policy was transferred to the board, the incumbrance still remaining on the property to about $200.

Thus far the board has carried out the instructions of the synod. In regard to the mission at Springfield, we have not so favorable a report to make. The prospects of that mission were represented to the board as most encouraging, and the idea held out that if the means were provided there would be no difficulty in making great progress, and firmly establishing our church in that city. The mission at Springfield was urgent in its demands for assistance, and set the 1st of February as the time by which the amount appropriated must be raised, or the enterprise suffer. The board labored hard to secure the money by that time, but on account of various circumstances were not able to secure it by that time. In the meantime

various hindrances, among which were a permanent place of worship, and the removal of many members because of the lack of work, and the business depression in the city, the membership became discouraged. The board received a communication from the official members of the mission, expressing the opinion that it would be advisable to cease further efforts to secure $3,000, for even were that amount secured, it would not be sufficient, under the circumstances, to make the mission a success. With this information, coming from the mission itself, the board did not consider it necessary to continue the effort to procure the needed funds.

The following resolutions were passed by the board:

Resolved, That we, as a board, feel solemnly impressed with the great importance of the church-erection work as an indispensable branch of mission work, and that it deserves, in a large degree, the fostering care and liberal support of the Ohio Synod and the Reformed Church.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Board of Church Erection has been seriously hindered in its special work, because of the want of a permanent fund, and though it is not regarded advisable, in the present state of things, to proceed with the investment of $3,000 at Springfield, we hereby respectfully and earnestly overture the Ohio Synod, and its several classes, to carry into full effect the action of the synod in regard to the appropriation of $4,000 for church-erection work, and that the amount of said appropriation be collected according to the plan of the synod, with the view of establishing a permanent fund for church-erection work, and thus enable the Board of Church Erection to render efficient and valuable aid in establishing and aiding missionary points of promise.

We trust the synod will carry out this suggestion, and thus lay the foundation for more efficient work in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD HERBRUCK, *President.*

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 14, 1885.

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1884.			
Nov.	3.	To cash from John Runkel, Treasurer Shelby Classis, synodical apportionment 1883	$ 3 27
1885.			
Jan.	15.	" " " Mrs. Eliza M. Sandoe, as a loan for Lima Church	1,000 00
Feb.	11.	" " " Rev. S. Z. Beam, collections in different charges	113 09
"	17.	" " " H. H. Eavey, Xenia charge, on apportionment 1885	6 27
Mar.	3.	" " " Rev. Dr. L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin, apportionment 1884	6 50
"	12.	" " " Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	7 97
"	28.	" " " Rev. J. D. Neff, Fostoria charge, Tiffin Classis, apportionment 1884	2 19
April	2.	" " " Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	10 05
"	24.	" " " Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	5 00
May	19.	" " " Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	12 85
"	19.	" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, apportionment 1884	29 28
"	28.	" " " Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	10 25
June	2.	" " " Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	8 87
"	23.	" " " Rev. I. S Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis, apportionment 1885	45 00
July	6.	" " " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis, apportionment 1885	19 00
Oct.	14.	" " " Rev. J. V. Potts, Bunker Hill charge, St. Joseph Classis, apportionment 1885	5 00
			$1,284 59

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 14, 1885.

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1884.			
Oct.	23.	By traveling expenses to Lima	$ 2 15
1885.			
Feb.	11.	" cash to Dobbins & Ashton, for lumber for Lima Church	553 78
"	11.	" " Van Sweringen & McGuire, carpenter work, Lima Church,	237 87
"	11.	" " Mauk & Dunan, for building material, Lima Church	143 81
"	11.	" " Shaffer & Stuckey, for plastering, Lima Church	39 50
"	11.	" " George Gore, for stones, Lima Church	26 25
"	11.	" " W. K. Boone & Co., for hardware, Lima Church	50 00
"	11.	" " Dietsch Brothers, for pews, etc., Lima Church	55 00
"	11.	" " for recording deed executed by Lima Church	90
"	11.	" " " releasing four liens on the Lima Church	50
"	12.	" " " expenses incurred in going to Lima, Ohio	3 68
"	12.	" " " exchange and incidental expenses	1 80
April	3.	" " Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note, Heid. College,	34 10
May	19.	" " " " " " " " "	45 00
Sept.	29.	" " " " " " " " "	20 00
Oct.	14.	" " for stationery and postage during the year	1 84
"	14.	" balance in treasury paid new treasurer	68 41
			$1,284 59

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC. H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and discussed, and, together with the reports of the boards and treasurers, adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

The documents submitted to us for examination are as follows:

1. Report of the President of Board of Missions.
2. Report of the Treasurer of Board of Missions.
3. A petition from the Woman's Missionary Society of Miami Classis.

On church erection we have:

1. Report of the President of Board of Church Erection.
2. Report of the treasurer of said board.
3. A petition from Miami Classis, relating to a permanent fund for church erection.

The reports from the Board of Missions indicate that much earnest work has been done during the year. Fourteen missions have been under the fostering care of the church. Of these, twelve remain under the care of the board, one became self-supporting, and one was discontinued. Of these twelve, ten are supplied with pastors, and two are vacant. They indicate varied degrees of prosperity. Some are in a highly prosperous condition, others less so, and some almost at a stand-still.

The financial report of the board indicates a healthy condition. The missionary pastors are paid their appropriations. There has been collected during the past year the sum of $3,488.19; expended, $3,301.98; an excess of receipts over last year of $540.22. We have cause to congratulate ourselves on even such a small increase. May we not hope that all our pastors and people will continue this work with renewed energy?

The cause of missions ever finds its warmest friends and heartiest supporters among the women of the church. This is shown to some degree by the petition from the Woman's Missionary Society of Miami Classis. They recommend to the

warm sympathies of the church this cause, and ask this body to give all needed help toward the organizing of woman's missionary societies in all congregations where it can be accomplished, and to take such steps as are required to establish a general society, that shall include the whole Reformed Church. The desire is a laudable one, and it is to be earnestly hoped that it may find a speedy consummation.

In order to carry forward the work for the present year, and to put in operation measures that promise a permanent good, your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That this synod apportion the sum of $5,000 among the various classes, and urge the pastors and people to engage in an earnest effort to secure the same.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the organization of woman's missionary societies in all of our congregations, wherever such action is practicable, and that the officers of classes be committees to take such measures as may lead to the organization of these societies into classical societies.

Resolved, That every effort in accordance with the spirit of our most holy religion, be made to acquaint our people with the absolute necessity of increased donations, of more fervent prayer, of persistent labors, in order to accomplish the greatest possible good in this holy cause.

The work of church erection is one, also, that lies at the very foundation of successful missionary activity. As a synod, but little has been done in this direction, though there are several churches and congregations that owe their present existence to the timely aid of the Ohio Synod. But much more has been accomplished than appears on the records of the synod. Classes have been active in this direction, and many more churches have reason to rejoice because of the beneficence of the brethren. The Board of Church Erection has been the instrument of doing some excellent work, though the means given them have been meager indeed. During the year past $1,279.59 have been paid into the treasury of this board, and $1,215.59 paid out, leaving a balance of $68.41 in hand.

Your attention has been called, both by the board and by an action of Miami Classis, to the importance of beginning a movement looking to the establishment of a permanent fund

for church erection purposes. Attention has also been called to the debt of the synod, through its action taken some years ago, to Heidelberg College. About $800 interest is due on the amount borrowed—i. e., $1,200. Frequent efforts have been made to liquidate this debt, but because of a want of unity in action it has as frequently failed. Your committee is of the opinion that before efforts are made to begin a fund for this purpose, that the most strenuous efforts ought to be made to liquidate the present debts. These will only embarrass us until they are paid, and they become the more embarrassing by delay in payment.

The instruction to the board to borrow $4,000 for church erection, was only complied with in part. One thousand dollars were borrowed, and applied to the payment of the debt at Lima, Ohio. The amount intended for Springfield, Ohio, was not required, owing to the suspension of the mission. The entire amount was, however, apportioned to be paid in three years. We are of the opinion that an earnest effort ought to be made to obtain this from the churches, and used for the purpose indicated above. We recommend:

1. That the apportionment of last year be continued, and that our classes and pastors be earnestly exhorted to collect the amount from their people—i. e., $1,653.75 the first year, $1,333.33⅓ the second year, and $1,333.33⅓ for the third year.

2. That the Board of Church Erection be, and hereby is, instructed to use the funds thus collected for the liquidation of the debts.

3. That said board be instructed to keep this cause before the people, by means of our church papers, and, so far as possible, by personal appeal to the churches, and thus to assist the pastors in this work.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. John J. M. Gruber. Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

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MISSION AT CHICAGO.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the session on Thursday afternoon, reported, in Item 5, that in a communication received, the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions overtured the Ohio Synod with respect to establishing a mission in Chicago, Illinois. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Abner R. Kremer, Dr. George W. Williard, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, John J. Leberman, Sebastian C. Goss, Elders Horace Ankeney and Robert Bell.

This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to consider an overture from the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions, relative to establishing an English mission in Chicago, begs leave to report as follows:

After looking carefully into the subject, and considering it in all its bearings, your committee would respectfully present the following as the action of the synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod accepts the proposal of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions, namely, to add $500 to to the $1,000 proffered by said board, for the establishment of an English mission in Chicago, but only on the condition that it be placed at once under the care of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

ABNER R. KREMER, *Chairman.*

In immediate connection with the adoption of the foregoing, the following action was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is highly important, for the peace and prosperity of our church, that our missionary operations be carried forward in accordance with constitutional requirements; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a synod, overture the General Synod to take such action as will require the several district synods, in their separate missionary work, to confine their operations to their own territory, according to the plain requirements of the constitution, and that any missionary work done outside of their geographical limits be carried forward under the direct management and control of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received, considered, and afterwards adopted by the synod:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

The board met for reorganization immediately after the adjournment of the synod at Delaware, Ohio, October 13, 1884. The following officers were elected:

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The past year has been one of almost unparalleled depression in almost every department of business life. This condition of things was made to be more sensibly felt by the failure of crops among the husbandry of the country. Financial embarrassments in business enterprises, and a failure of the wheat crop, evidently made itself felt in the benevolent operations of the church.

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Some additions have been made to the endowment. Collections have not come far below the usual standard, if not quite up to the full measure of former years. The salaries of the professors, while not paid in full as they should be, are not farther in arrears than in other years, and the plans adopted by your board for the future are full of promise. We are anticipating good results. A kind Providence seems to be opening up new avenues of hope. It becomes us, as a church, to put on new garments of strength, to utilize our unused talents with which the great Head of the church has blessed us. The necessity is upon us, as a church, to do more and better for her Theological Seminary, if the best results are to be attained and the blessings of God to be enjoyed. "The Lord loveth the cheerful giver." He also says that he that withholdeth shall not prosper.

The endowment is too much limited. The collections for the immediate use of the seminary are inadequate, and the apportionments are not promptly paid. We are of the opinion that this state of things arises from the fact that the mind of the church has been led to believe that the seminary was fully endowed, and that the necessities of the institution were provided for. Under such circumstances it would be reasonable to expect the proper interest to be diverted. The church is turning its mind toward the great and important work of missions, home and foreign, as it never did before. These interests are very important—indeed, second to none. The seminary is none the less. Its place in church economy is too important even to be trammeled by an inadequate support.

The action of the board last year, and your favorable action in view of the appointment of a financial committee, has demonstrated the wisdom of the new departure in the conduct of affairs during the last year. All the investments have been placed in their hands, and delinquents are made to understand that promptness in adjusting the dues at the proper time is the only way to keep peace with the board. The committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Reiter, Elders G. G. Prugh and James C. Reber, merit your commendation.

Your board has been gratified with the results thus far arising from the labors of Rev. Drs. Good and Rust, in behalf

of the seminary, and would suggest the propriety of the good doctors remaining in the field for some time to come.

The board would also suggest the propriety, and urge the necessity, of the Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, appointed by the synod at Delaware (see Minutes, page 51), reporting the results of their work each year to the board, at its annual meeting, so that the board could note its work in its annual report to the synod.

At the last meeting of the board, at Dayton, Ohio, some discussion was had with reference to the scope and work intrusted to the board. It was felt by all that the Board of Trustees meant more than a financial committee, as it is in its present limited sphere of work, a fact which can not fully meet the idea involved in the creation of a board of trustees. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and are hereby submitted for your consideration:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, feeling that the scope of its operations is, under the present circumstances, entirely too circumscribed, inasmuch as the legitimate work belonging to this board is now diverted from it, and brought before the synod independently of the board, which, in our opinion, ought to be under the direct supervision of the Board of Trustees; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees overture the synod, at its next annual meeting at Louisville, Ohio, to direct the president of the Theological Seminary Faculty to submit an annual report of the condition of the seminary, internal work, etc., as well as all matters pertaining to the seminary which ought legitimately to be brought before the Board of Trustees at its annual meetings, at least thirty days before the annual meeting of the synod.

Resolved, That that part of the work now included in the work of the Board of Education, be transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, where it properly belongs.

Your attention is called to the following vacancies to occur at this session, viz.: Rev. M. Loucks and Elder A. H. Baughman.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 14, 1885.

1884.		DR.	
Nov.	1.	To Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on money borrowed..$	20 00
"	4.	" John Runkel, Tr. Shelby Classis, synodical apportionment 1883,	2 77
"	15.	" Mast & Albert, Murray, Indiana, interest on note.....	3 90
"	21.	" Rev. P. D. Schory, Lancaster, Ohio, interest on Z. M. note.....	10 00
"	26.	" George W. Shearer, Dayton, Ohio, interest on money borrowed,	36 00
"	28.	" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Tr. Lancaster Classis, synod. app't 1883..	23 72
"	29.	" Jos. S. White, Centerville, Ohio, interest on money borrowed..	318 00
"	29.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church..	5 15
Dec.	1.	" " " " " " " ..	6 94
"	26.	" Alfred Shirer, Dayton, Ohio, interest on note.....	3 00
1885.			
Jan.	2.	" Henry Leonard, Basil, " " "	6 00
"	10.	" A. H. Bruennert, per assignee, " "	80 00
Feb.	2.	" Farmers' Friend Mf'g Co., Dayton, O., int on money borrowed,	324 00
"	2.	" W. H. Siegfried, Springboro, Ohio, interest on note.....	3 00
"	2.	" M. Beck, " " " "	1 50
"	2.	" Rev. W. H. Shults, " " " "	1 50
"	2.	" " " " " " " " collec'n (-22.50],	1 35
"	17.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church...	2 43
"	26.	" Jos. S. White, Centerville, Ohio, interest on money borrowed...	160 00
March	2.	" Rev. E. R. Williard, Germantown chge, Tr. Miami Cl., app't 1884,	10 08
"	3.	" E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis, apportionm't 1884,	25 00
"	10.	" Rev. A. E. Baichly, Farmersville, Ohio, interest on note.....	3 00
"	12.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church .	3 99
"	12.	" W. H. Siegfried, Springboro charge, Tr. Miami Cl., app't 1884. .	5 06
"	28.	" Rev. E. Bauman, East Portland, Oregon, interest on note.....	6 00
"	28.	" Rev. G. Kuhlen, Bluffton, Ohio, " "	2 00
"	28.	" Rev. J. D. Neff, Fostoria, Ohio, for immediate use	6 25
"	28.	" Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, Navarre, Ohio, " "	3 00
"	28.	" Rev. D. M. Christman, Helena, " " "	2 50
"	31.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, Ohio, interest on notes in full.....	80 00
"	31.	" Thomas L. Prugh, Dean, Ohio, interest on note.....	1 50
"	31.	" Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, Ohio, " "	1 50
April	2.	" Rev. S. Ream, Tremont charge, Treas. Miami Classis, app't 1884,	6 38
"	2.	" Rev. J. Stuck, Bradford " " " " " 1884,	5 01
"	2.	" Isaac Dissinger, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on notes	58 40
"	2.	" C. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note.....	30 00
"	2.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church..	8 97
"	24.	" " " " " " " " ..	13 13
"	24.	" C. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note in full.....	2 00
"	24.	" Rev. Dr. L. H. Kefauver, 1st Ch., Tiffin, O., for immediate use..	8 50
May	1.	" A. H. Bruennert, per sheriff, Seneca Co., O., interest on note...	77 10
"	1.	" George Brendle, Tiffin, Ohio, interest on note.....	67
"	13.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church..	15 17
		Carried forward.....	$1,409 82

			Amount brought forward	$1,409 82
"	19-	"	Rev. J. B. Henry, Valley charge, Tr. Miami Classis, app't 1885	5 00
"	19.	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Tr. Lancaster Classis, " 1884	10 50
"	23.	"	Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	9 85
"	23.	"	G. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on note	1 50
"	23,	"	Xenia charge, Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment 1884	18 63
"	23.	"	Rev. G. H. Souder, Port Jefferson chge, Tr. Miami Cl., app't 1884,	9 68
"	26.	"	E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, " 1884,	60 00
"	28.	"	Jacob Rust, Dialton, Ohio, interest on note	12 00
June	1.	"	Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	23 74
"	1.	"	Rev. J. C. Beade, Salem charge, Treas. Miami Classis, app't 1884,	1 65
"	1.	"	Rev. Shulenberger, W. Alex. chge. " " " " 1884,	11 50
"	1.	"	Rev. B. F. Tucker, Highland " " " " " 1884,	6 49
"	1,	"	Collection, New Madison charge, Miami Cl., for immediate use,	22 75
"	1.	"	Rev. W. H. Shults, Springboro, Ohio, interest on collection, etc.	56
"	8.	"	Eman. Spangler, Summum, Illinois, interest on note in full	15 00
"	8.	"	Amos Bricker, Astoria, Illinois, interest on note	4 50
"	10.	"	E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis, app't 1884	107 85
"	13.	"	J. J. Winegardner, E. Rushville, O., per Dr. Good, immediate use,	10 00
"	13.	"	Collection, Thornville, O., Tr. Lan. Cl., " " "	31 13
"	13.	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Tr. Lancaster Classis, apportionment 1884,	58 40
"	20.	"	Mrs. Christian Sandau, Cincinnati, Ohio, interest on note	60 00
"	23.	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. Eastern Ohio Classis, synod. app't 1884	40 00
July	25.	"	Rev. E. D. Wettach, Font, Pa., interest on note	2 40
Aug.	13.	"	Rev. C. F. Kriete, Fort Wayne, Indiana, interest on note	1 50
"	20.	"	Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	22 42
Sept.	1.	"	Collection in Basil charge, per Dr. Good	9 28
"	1.	"	Dr. John Goss, Lancaster, Ohio, per Dr. Good	5 00
"	1.	"	Collection in Tuscarawas charge " "	31 00
"	1.	"	John Christman, West Brookfield, O., "	25 00
"	28.	"	Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	14 13
"	30.	"	Jacob Swope, Astoria, Illinois, interest on note	3 00
Oct	1.	"	George Spitler, Erie, Michigan, " "	9 00
"	1.	"	Jacob Schifferly, Bluffton, Ohio, " "	4 50
"	6.	"	Joseph Slough, Delaware, " " "	6 00
"	7.	"	Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	13 13
"	8.	"	Samuel Moyer, Hiawatha, Kansas, interest on note	18 00
"	8.	"	Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio, " "	18 00
"	8.	"	Rev. J. L. Bretz, Bluffton (Ind.) charge, per Dr. Good	12 50
				$2,095 06

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 14, 1885.

CR.

By balance due treasurer at last annual settlement	$ 419 91
" cash to Prof. J. H. Good, D, D., on salary	820 87
" " " Prof. Herman Rust, D. D., on salary	798 76
" " for small memorandum book	20
" " " recording mortgage of George Brendle	90
" " " printing catalogue of college and seminary, 1885	10 00
" " to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., for traveling expenses as agent	26 85
" " for bank exchange during the year	1 60
" " " recording mortgage of Robert C. Ross	1 00
" " to attorney for examining the Ross title	3 50
" " for expenses incurred in traveling on business for seminary	3 75
" " " stationery, postage, and incidentals	7 72
	$2,095 06

ENDOWMENT FUND.

DR

1884.			
Oct.	8.	To balance in the treasury	$ 791 66
"	18.	" cash from Treas. of Miami Classis on note, Greenville Church	9 05
"	18.	" " " Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Kinnickinnick charge, Lanc. Cl.	7 60
Nov.	5.	" " " Rev. J. W. Barber, Stoutsville " "	40 00
"	21.	" " " Rev. P. D. Schory, Lancaster O., on Z. Memorial note,	200 00
Dec.	31.	" " " Rev. J. A. Keller, Randolph, O., " "	15 00
1885.			
Feb.	4.	" " " Collection in Springboro charge, Z. M. Fund	2 50
March	10.	" " " Rev. A. E. Baichly, Farmersville, O., on Z. M. note	10 00
"	28.	" " " Rev. G. Kuhlen, Bluffton, Ohio, " "	30 00
"	31.	" " " N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, Ohio, on notes in full	2,000 00
April	2.	" " " M. Beck, Springboro, Ohio, on Z. Memorial note	25 00
"	2.	" " " Isaac Dissinger, Miamisburg, Ohio, on notes	356 00
"	2.	" " " Treasurer Miami Classis, on note, Greenville Church,	6 50
"	10.	" " " First Ref. Church, Dayton, O., collection Z. M. Fund,	118 86
"	24.	" " " C. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., on note in full	500 00
May	1.	" " " A. H. Bruennert, per sheriff, on note in full	1,000 00
June	1.	" " " Rev. W. H. Shults, collection Springboro chge, Z.M.F.	22 50
"	8.	" " " Eman. Spangler, Summum, Illinois, on note in full	50 00
"	23.	" " " Rev. Kendig, Canfield, Warren cong., Z. M. Fund	35 00
July	25.	" " " Rev. E. D. Wettach, Font, Pa., on Z. Memorial note	30 00
Aug.	13.	" " " Rev. C. F. Kriete, Fort Wayne, Ind., " "	25 00
Sept.	14.	" " " L. W. Mease, adm'r estate of Jos. Schock, dec'd, note	122 87
Oct.	6.	" " " Jos. Slough, Delaware, Ohio, principal on note	50 00
			$5,447 54

FUNDS INVESTED.

1884.			
Dec.	20.	By loan to Prof. Herman Rust, D. D., on mortgage security	$1,000 00
1885.			
April	15.	" cash to Menche & Romspert, for mortgage note	2,000 00
May	1.	" loan to George Brendle, Tiffin, Ohio, on mortgage security	1,000 00
June	4.	" " " Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Dayton, O., " "	500 00
July	25.	" " " Robert C. Ross, " " "	500 00
Oct.	14.	" balance in the treasury at date	447 54
			$5,447 54

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education respectfully submits the following as its annual report:

The board was reorganized, with Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., as President, and Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer.

During the last year the health of the professors in the seminary was such as to enable them to discharge their duties without any interruption by sickness. The action of the synod last year, however, requesting the professors to visit the several classes at their annual meetings, to present to them the

subject of a more complete endowment of the seminary. required the board to dismiss the students of the Junior Class at the time of the Senior Commencement. The professors complied with this request, and feel persuaded that the results of their labors in this particular were beneficial to the seminary, notwithstanding it required a short suspension of its functions.

The following named students, after having stood an approved examination in the different branches of study required, were recommended for graduation, and were regularly dismissed from the seminary to enter the several fields of labor to which they had been called: Messrs. William Grether, Luther P. Gross, M. Z. Hittel, R. R. Lackey, S. U. Snyder, William E. Ludwick, Israel Rothenberger, and Addison C. Snyder. The graduating exercises were held on the evening of May 20th, in the First Reformed Church in Tiffin, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience, and were alike creditable to the professors and graduates. The students of the Junior Class stood an approved examination.

There are at present fourteen students in the seminary. Ten of this number are in the Senior, and four in the Junior Class. W. E. Shaley and A. J. Toensmeier were received into the seminary as Seniors, and David A. Parks. David A. Winter, John A. Danner, and H. S. Gekeler (the last in part) into the Junior Class. The professors report favorably upon the studious habits and Christian character of the students, and also upon the internal condition of the seminary in general.

EDUCATION.

The board has under its care nineteen beneficiary students. With one exception, these are receiving the full annual appropriation. In order that we may meet our obligations to the students this year, we will need $1,850. This will require the annual apportionment of $2,000 by the synod. If all the classes would pay the whole amount of the synod's assessment, the sum assessed would not need to be so large. The following named persons constitute the roll of beneficiary students: Messrs. J. P. Stahl, G. E. Metzer, A. G. Berkey, J. A. Ketrow, F. H. Keller, John Grether, D. A. Winter, H. S. Gekeler, A. J. Meyer, W. A. Bodell, W. H. Tussing, H. S. Bailey, George

B. Bolenbaugh, J. A. Kepner, M. L. Fox, A. J. Toensmeier, J. A. Danner, Clem. Alspach, and Parley Zartman. Six of this number are in the Senior Class in the seminary, and will complete their studies next May. While the cost of educating young men for the ministry seems to be great, yet some of our most successful ministers have been educated by the church, and she is now reaping the profits of her investments. Let the good work go on.

We take great pleasure in reporting to the synod the receipt of a bequest amounting to $3,546.51, provided for in the last will and testament of the late John G. Lefler, of Philadelphia, in honor of his deceased wife, who was a member of the Zion Reformed Church in Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. N. Gehr, pastor. The expenses of collecting this legacy reduced it to $3,500, which amount has been loaned on first mortgage security, bearing $250 interest annually. We here record our thanks for this liberal bequest, hoping that it will be an example for others to follow in the near future.

The following persons have served their full time as members of this board, viz.: Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., N. H. Loose, Amos Casselman, and Austin Henry (deceased).

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN I. SWANDER, *President.*

4. Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer		$ 174 48

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer		341 72

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

To cash from Luther P. Gross (refunded)	$ 25 00	
" " " E. K. Kremer, Treasurer	415 70	
		440 70

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

To cash from Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer		138 91

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

To cash from Rev. I. H. Hahn, Treasurer		94 00

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

To cash from Rev. F. F. Christine, Treasurer	$ 68 39	
" " " J. R. Skinner, " "	98 00	
		196 39

SHELBY CLASSIS.

To cash from John Runkel, Treasurer		19 74

MISCELLANEOUS.

To cash from Prospect charge, per Rev. P. H. Ruhl	$ 20 00	
" " " Rev. J. A. Keller	30 00	
" " " Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest from Carson bequest	255 00	
" " " Whetstone charge, per Rev. J. Winter	15 00	
" " " S. A. Hivling, bequest	84 00	
" " " S. Brinker, "	28 00	
" " " A friend, per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard	25 00	
" " " Rev. Dr. H. Rust	10 00	
" " " Simon Steffens (refunded)	93 53	
" " " N. Gruber's estate, per Rev. F. A. Rupley, Tr. Juniata Cl.	35 02	
		595 55
Whole amount received from October 4, 1884, to October 13, 1885		$1,971 49

CR.

By balance on last year's account	$ 80	
" cash for seal of board	4 25	
" " " negotiating loan	25 00	
" " " recording two mortgages	2 00	
" " paid permanent fund	10 00	
" " for postage, paper, etc	2 11	
" " paid ben. stud's from Oct. 4, '84, to Oct. 13, '85, as per vouchers	1,928 19	
		$1,972 35
Whole amount paid out		$1,972 55
Balance due treasurer		86
		$1,971 49

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Balance in treasury October 4, 1884	$ 5 00	
Sarah Brinker, bequest	800 00	
Sarah A. Hivling, "	1,000 00	
J. G. Lefler, "	3,546 51	
Interest on Brinker bequest	28 00	
" Hivling "	84 00	
Cash from contingent fund	10 00	
		$5,473 51

CR.

Loan to Rev. M. Mueller	$ 800 00	
Certificate of 20 shares Columbus and Xenia Railroad stock	1,000 00	
Cash paid contingent fund	112 00	
" " for collecting Lefler bequest	61 51	
Loan to Prof. C. M. Lowe	600 00	
Loan to C. C. Park	3,000 00	
		$5,573 51
Balance due treasurer		100 00
		$5,473 51

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

5. Report of Permanent Committee of Seminary.

The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, composed of one member from each classis, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, and is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary offers the following report:

The committee had no meeting during the year, because of the expense involved to meet, and the distance they live apart. For want of a definite understanding as to the duty obligatory upon each member in his respective classis, and without a well-matured plan to lay before the classes, to accomplish good results, your committee can not report that the inadequate endowment of the seminary has much improved. Yet some very satisfactory work was accomplished in some of the classes. The professors of the seminary visited nearly all of the classes. The majority of them are in hearty sympathy with our contemplated work.

The chairman of the committee took pains to write to all of the members of the committee, in order to learn from them what action the various classes took, and received replies to enable him to state the following:

Miami Classis did not take any steps toward increasing the endowment.

Lancaster Classis "may be placed on the list of those who are willing to work for our institutions," writes Bro. George H. Leonard.

St. Joseph Classis resolved to assume $750 of the present needed endowment, and pay 8 per cent. on said amount until the principal is fully paid over to the treasurer of the board.

Northern Illinois Classis took no action.

Tuscarawas Classis adopted the action of the synod at Delaware, but took no special action.

Tiffin Classis assumed the sum of $1,050 toward increasing the endowment, and will pay the interest thereon until the whole amount is paid over to the treasurer of the board.

Eastern Ohio Classis assumed the amount of $1,500 for the completion of the present needed endowment, and pays 8 per-

cent. thereon until the whole amount is paid into the treasury of the board of the seminary. This classis took the most vigorous measures to carry out its part of the contemplated endowment.

Shelby, Iowa, and Kansas classes did not reply to my letter of inquiry.

The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, according to appointment, consists of the following members:

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Tiffin Classis.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Miami Classis.
Rev. George H. Leonard, Lancaster Classis.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, Tuscarawas Classis.
Rev. John M. Kendig, Eastern Ohio Classis.
Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Northern Illinois Classis.
Rev. Joseph F. Butler, Shelby Classis.
Rev. John H. Buser, Iowa Classis.
Rev. John R. Skinner, St. Joseph Classis.
Rev. George W. Remagen, Kansas Classis.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received, discussed, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted. The report as amended is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary and Beneficiary Education begs leave to report the following:

Reports from the Trustees of the Seminary and the Board of Education, and their treasurers, have come into our hands, and were carefully considered.

These reports speak for themselves in emphasizing the importance of the work committed to these boards, and indicate to us, in a general way, the action which should be taken at this synod.

We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000 be apportioned by this synod for beneficiary education.

Resolved, That the bequest of John G. Lefler, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by which the Board of Education receives as a permanent fund the net sum of $3,500, is gratefully acknowledged, and commended to the living as an act worthy of their imitation.

Resolved, That the professors of the seminary be instructed to visit annually the several classes in their meetings, so that the good impressions made by these good doctors may be annually repeated in the several communities where our classical assemblies occur.

Resolved, That the committee appointed one year ago, consisting of one member from each classis, to co-operate with the professors, be instructed to arrange with the professors and classes, so as to secure such time of classical meetings as to make the above action possible.

Resolved, That this synod can not grant the overtures from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, asking that certain work now done by the Board of Education be transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, believing, as we do, that the different boards already have sufficient work in hand, and that the interests of the church would not, at this time, justify any change in their present spheres of work and duty.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, consisting of three ministers and two elders, who shall report to the synod, at its next annual meeting, what are and should be the respective relations, functions, and duties of these two boards.

Resolved, That the reports, including the treasurers', which we find correct, be adopted.

Resolved, That the attention of the synod is called to the following vacancies:

Trustees of the Seminary.—Rev. M. Loucks and Elder A. H. Baughman.

Board of Education.—Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., N. H. Loose, Amos Casselman, and Austin Henry.

The committee called for in the sixth resolution consists, as appointed, of Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Amos Casselman, William H. Shults, and Elders Horace Ankeney and Robert M. Kinney. Respectfully submitted.

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. Board of Trustees.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.

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2. Board of Education.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Orange E. Lake. Rev. Silas B. Mase.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Rev. John J. Leberman.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. Michael Loucks. Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Reuben Good.
Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D. Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered, and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—We submit the following report of Heidelberg College, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, for your consideration and approval.

Heidelberg College has a history of over thirty years, and is most intimately associated with the growth of the Reformed Church in the West. Without it the church would not be what it is to-day, a very large proportion of the ministers of this synod having been reared and educated at our institutions

at Tiffin, Ohio, a fact which ought to remind the synod that, while it has done much for the college and seminary, it has also received much in return as the reward of its liberality.

The synod having founded and supported the college, it is but right and proper that those who have the control and management of it should make an annual report of its condition and of the work, so that those who have contributed to it may see that their funds are judiciously and wisely expended. It is for this reason, as well as the long-established custom that has prevailed, that we, the undersigned, submit the report we now make, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, to the Synod of Ohio, and trust it may meet your approval, so that the college may continue to enjoy the fostering care of the synod in the future as it has in the past.

The board is pleased to report that although the past year has been one of great financial pressure, affecting every department of life more or less, making it necessary for men to curtail their expenses and contributions, the college has, notwithstanding the cry of "hard times," pursued the even tenor of its way, and has at present a larger attendance of students than for some years past. The catalogue of last year, a copy of which is herewith presented to the synod, has an enrollment of 150 students, while the present attendance is 80 in the college and 60 in the academy, nearly as many as were present during the whole of last year, which, although encouraging, is still not what we might and ought to have, if the church were as much interested in the cause of education as it should be. With the membership the Synod of Ohio has, there ought to be double the number of students in attendance at the college, especially of such as have the ministry in view, seeing the great need there is of more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

The finances, although not what might be desired, are in a healthful condition, the college having more than met all its liabilities. The income last year from the interest on the endowment fund, tuition, room rent, etc., was $6,613.90, while the outlay, including the salaries of the professors and other incidental expenses, was $6,435.13, being $178.67 less than the receipts, thus reducing the debt of the incidental fund to $1,906.16, of which amount the synod owed the board, August

13, 1885, $846.44, being the interest on the money borrowed years ago in the interest of the Hamilton Church. The board has so repeatedly called the attention of the synod to this indebtedness, that it feels reluctant to refer to it again. But necessity compels us to do so, in the hope that provision will be made for its payment so that the board does not appear to such disadvantage year after year, when the cause of it is largely the fault of the synod. Only $93 have been paid, since the last meeting of the synod, on the assessments, $250 having been paid by the treasurer of the synod, according to the action at Delaware. There is more than enough interest due the college to pay its entire indebtedness, if those in arrears would only respond.

Nothing has been added to the endowment fund the last year, as the heavy outlay for the new building has more than taken all the funds that could be raised. We trust this burden may soon be removed, after which special attention will have to be given to the increase of the endowment, so that the operations of the college may be enlarged.

The new building is progressing finely, and is entirely under roof; the floors are laid, the windows in, and a large part of the plastering and painting done. The work has progressed so rapidly that we have not been able to collect the funds as fast as the monthly estimates became due, so that we have been necessitated to borrow several thousand dollars. We have now paid all the bills of the contractors up to September 15tn, amounting to $32.692.09, and $700 on the estimate for this month, leaving $1,651 to be provided for at once, making it necessary for all who have not paid their subscription to do so at once, and those who have not as yet given anything to come to our relief without delay. There is surely wealth enough in the Ohio Synod to pay the entire cost of the new college building by the time it is finished, if all will do their duty. That this may be the case, we ask the cordial and full co-operation of the synod and friends of the college in all the plans and measures that may be devised to provide the funds that may be needed to pay the entire cost of the new building by the time it is completed. It will certainly be a grand achievement, of which the synod and friends of the college may well feel proud, if a result so desirable can be attained.

About $14,000 will yet be needed, beside the subscriptions on hand, to pay the contract for the new building, and such other incidental matters as are necessarily connected with it. This does not include the heating and furnishing of the building, which must be provided for, when the time comes, by some special effort. This may seem a large sum to raise in these times of depression in business, when the cry of "hard times" is heard on all sides; and so it is. But still it is not an impossibility, and can be done by an earnest and united effort on the part of the friends of education. The members of the synod can also help the matter greatly by talking it up and commending it, whenever the occasion presents itself, and by assisting those who have the work in hand, by their individual contributions, and by introducing them to those who ought to give.

The board contemplates dedicating the new building at the annual Commencement of the college, in June, 1886, and hereby extends a cordial invitation to all the members of this synod to be present and take part in the festivities of this occasion, hoping it may constitute a new era in the history of the college.

The new building, we are pleased to say, presents an imposing appearance, and surpasses the expectations of all who have seen it. It is built substantially, showing no sign of any defect in its construction, and will, if no calamity befalls it, stand for generations to come, as a monument of the devotion and liberality of its friends.

When the new building is completed and dedicated, the board hopes to add greatly to the efficiency of the college, by enlarging its work and increasing its facility for a thorough education, and will need the hearty support and co-operation of its friends. There is a bright future for Heidelberg College, if its friends will but rally around it, and do for it what they can. Never before were its prospects brighter.

Our agent, H. Leonard, will, as usual, present a separate report of his operations during the year, so that no reference is here made to his work. We are glad to say he has lost none of his interest in the college, and is as ready to labor in its behalf as he was in the more youthful period of his life. May he live to see it enter upon an enlarged field of usefulness.

We are sorry to say, in this connection, that the meetings of the board are not attended as fully and regularly by the members as is desired, so that the board has felt constrained to send an overture to this synod on the subject, hoping that such action may be taken as will remedy the evil complained of, or at least induce the members elected on the board by this synod to feel a sufficient interest in its meetings as to have themselves excused if they can not attend.

Thanking the synod for what it has done in the past, the board would kindly ask its continued co-operation, and will pledge itself to do all it can to make the college worthy of the favor and support of its friends.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the board.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD,
President Heidelberg College.

ISAAC H. REITER,
President Board of Trustees.

2. Report of the Financial Agent.

This being now my twenty-eighth annual report, I am glad to state that I have enjoyed a year of uninterrupted good bodily health, and now, as in the past, I still find a welcome among the friends and patrons of our institutions at Tiffin, Ohio. Although the field has been canvassed again and again by both Dr. Williard, president of the college, and myself, yet we still have been able to find some gleanings left for us to gather.

I am also glad to say that we now seldom hear any more objections brought against this new enterprise. All can now see the work done on the new building, which gives general satisfaction to all reasonable-minded persons. All can see that their contributions have not been misapplied. The truth is, all who have seen the new building of Heidelberg College, and witnessed the progress of the work, from the laying of the first foundation stone to the last "brick," with one voice seem well pleased, both as to the architectural plan and workmanship.

I have this year again, as in the past, spent considerable time in looking after delinquents who owe interest on old endowment notes. How shall this be avoided? Our good

brethren should know, without being specially dunned every year, that the interest on their obligations is due, and should be paid.

I have traveled, during the year, 4,209 miles. Total number of miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, 102,642.

The following is my financial report for the synodical year ending October 14, 1885:

HENRY LEONARD, *Financial Agent, in account with Heidelberg College.*

DR.

Received notes (new series) Nos. 71 to 76	$1,000 00
Subscriptions for "brick," general fund, Nos. 1,846 to 2,051	826 00
Corner-stone subscriptions from 229 persons	269 00
Collections on old endowment notes and interest	2,913 00
Proceeds of one lecture and seventy small "crumb" contributions. (See Memorandum Book, No. 3, for items)	39 56
Collections of principal and interest on "new series" notes	672 50
	$5,720 06
Balance due the agent	66 41
	$5,786 47

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Paid Rev. Dr. Williard on old endowment, and interest	$2,913 00	
Handed over "new series" notes	1,000 00	
Subscriptions for brick and general building fund on hand, in Book A, Nos. 1,846 to 2,051	826 00	
Paid Dr. Williard on "corner-stone subscriptions"	193 00	
Unpaid subscriptions on corner-stone	76 00	
Principal and interest collected, "new series," and paid over	672 50	
Paid for traveling expenses	55 93	
Attorney's fees	10 00	
Attorney's commission for collection	1 50	
Express charges	5 81	
Paid for postage	32 73	
		$5,786 47

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with that of the Board of Trustees and of the financial agent, adopted:

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College begs leave to submit the following report:

The papers that have been placed in our hands, and from which we make this report, are the reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College and of the financial agent,

together with an overture from the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, requesting this synod to adopt measures to secure a better attendance of its members at its annual meetings.

From these papers we learn that, notwithstanding the general depression in all lines of business, Heidelberg College has been enabled to keep on the road of progress.

Notwithstanding the encouraging feature contained in the reports before us (which show that the receipts during the past year, from interest on endowment funds, from tuition, and from room rent, exceeds the expenditures on salaries and other incidental expenses, during the same period of time, to the amount of $178.67, thereby reducing the debt of the incidental fund down to $1,906.16), yet they álso disclose a discouraging feature in the financial department, which greatly obstructs and embarrasses it on its progressive march. This serious hindrance, causing much perplexity and discouragement to the financial management of the Board of Trustees, is largely due to the indifference and negligence of the synod to pay the interest on the principal borrowed years ago in behalf of the Hamilton Church.

The new college building, which has been occupying the attention of the church for some time during the past, has at last reached almost completion, and to-day stands an imposing structure, an ornament to the city in which it is located, a crown to the self-denying efforts of President G. W. Williard, Financial Agent H. Leonard, and all others who have responded to their calls with liberal hands, and a monument to the church for generations to come. Its erection has been carried forward with unexpected rapidity, and its completion is assured by June 18, 1886, when it will be dedicated, and when it is hoped that all of its friends will be present to witness the ceremony and enjoy the festivities of the occasion.

This great enterprise undoubtedly calls for the exertion of all the managing powers of the Board of Trustees, yet the overture plainly indicates that the work has been resting upon only a portion of its members, and that some do not manifest the proper interest and activity, in their attendance at its sessions, as is incumbent upon them. In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each member of this synod be requested to make a special effort to raise, during the next synodical year, his portion of indebtedness for the payment of the interest on the principal borrowed years ago in behalf of the Hamilton Church.

Resolved, That all the members of the synod co-operate, as much as possible, with the financial agent, H. Leonard, to collect the interest on endowment funds from delinquents.

Resolved, That this synod requires of members of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, elected by this synod, to be present at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, or to send to the board a reasonable written excuse for their absence.

Resolved, That this synod, with grateful feelings, gives its cordial thanks to President Williard, for his self-denying labor in the collection of college funds, and for his superintendence and untiring effort in completing the erection of the new college building.

Resolved. That the synod also returns thanks to the financial agent, H. Leonard, for the admirable interest he manifests in the completion and prosperity of the college.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. SCHAAF, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *Secretary*, Bellevue, Ohio.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose,
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss,
Rev. Michael Loucks,
Mr. John Hilbish,
Mr. Henry Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Mr. John Keller.
Rev. William A. Hale,
Rev. John J. Leberman,
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns,
J. Philip Shilling, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.,
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.,
Mr. Horace Ankeney,
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.,
Upton F. Cramer, Esq.,
George P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. George H. Leonard,
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.,
Mr. William E. Schmetz,
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers,
Mr. Rezzin W. Shawhan,
Mr. Henry H. Eavey.

The following action was adopted in regard to the new college building:

Resolved, That it is the earnest desire and wish of this synod that the new college building may be dedicated free of debt, and to this end we, the members present, do pledge our hearty co-operation with the president, Rev. Dr. Williard, and Agent Henry Leonard, in securing sufficient funds for the same.

Resolved, That we earnestly ask of the absent ministers of this synod the same hearty co-operation in this work.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

During the morning session on Friday, Rev. Frederick Strassner, of St. John's Classis, Central Synod, appeared in the synod, and having the privilege accorded, made a clear and interesting statement respecting the condition, working, and prospects of the Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

During the morning session on Saturday, Rev. Peter C. Prugh, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., made a statement in regard to the operations and prospects of this home. He also, on Sunday afternoon, delivered an address, possessed of interest and instruction, on the subject of church orphanages.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported, in Item 6, that the report of the Board of Managers of the St. Paul's Orphan's Home, at Butler, Pennsylvania, was received. This was referred to a special

committee, consisting of Revs. William H. Shults, John J. M. Gruber, George H. Leonard, and Elder William Yeager. This committee, during the session on Monday morning, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee, to whom the interests of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pennsylvania, were referred, would respectfully report:

That your committee have had before them a paper from the president of the Board of Managers, presenting an encouraging statement of facts concerning the condition of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

We have also had the pleasure of gathering additional information, by a personal conversation with the efficient superintendent of the home.

There is a heartfelt expression of appreciation given, because of the sympathy and material aid received. The individuals, congregations, and Sunday-schools, may feel assured that their contributions have been applied to a worthy cause, and in a most wise and judicious manner.

Orphans within the bounds of our synod may be received, upon making the proper application.

Your committee would therefore recommend for consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we reassure the superintendent and managers of our continued interest in the home.

Resolved, That we extend a cordial invitation to the superintendent of the home to visit our congregations or charges, as he may desire, and present the nature and importance of church orphanages.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. SHULTS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren and co-laborers in the Sunday-school:

It is ten years since the Sunday-school Board of this synod was established. Their decennial report is submitted to you with feelings of glad thanksgiving and holy joy; for this past

synodical year has been the most happy and auspicious Sunday-school year in the history of the Reformed Church in the West. Your board has been in correspondence with every classis in the synod, and has endeavored to exercise faithful and diligent watchfulness over the Sunday-school interests and work of the synod. Much laborious work has been done, and God has blessed our Sabbath-schools greatly.

1. Statistics.

Your board had 3,000 blanks printed for the use of charges, in reporting their Sabbath-school statistics, and 300 blanks for the use of stated clerks. These have all been distributed to the classes in this synod, and if there is any lack of supply for pastors and charges, the stated clerks of the classes, to whom these blanks have been sent, must be held responsible. These blanks are somewhat different from any previously issued, and the present supply ought to last five or eight years. We herewith submit a copy.

It is very easy to ask: "What use is there in gathering these Sunday-school statistics?" And, as it requires considerable care and labor to furnish these reports to the classes and synod, there always will be some who are ready to abolish the whole effort. But reason and experience both tell us that there is no better way to get at the actual facts in the case, or to form an intelligent and reliable opinion as to the condition, results, efficiency, and outlook of the Sunday-schools of a church, than to see and study the Sunday-school statistics of that denomination. The time surely has gone by, in our history as a church, to tolerate such laxness and indifference as has been manifested (in Northern Illinois Classis, for instance, and also in some parts of other classes, this past year), in reference to pastors and charges reporting the condition and work of so important a sphere of churchly activity as that of the Sabbath-school. A little discipline here would be wholesome, and secure greater respect and honor for our church government, which surely gives sufficient authority to the classes and synods, if only they will exercise it.

The accompanying summary of the general classical reports in reference to the Sunday-school, is the most complete, instructive, and satisfactory of any such report ever submitted

by your board. We are under special obligations to the stated clerks of the different classes, for the care which they have exercised, and the special efforts put forth by some of them, in securing reports by earnest persistence and almost unceasing importunity. We recommend to the synod, that the brief general statistical report herewith presented, be published in the minutes, and that thus these comprehensive and instructive facts be spread before the church at large.

2. Sunday-school Conventions.

Miami, Tuscarawas, Lancaster, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Northern Illinois, and Iowa classes, held Sunday-school conventions during the year. The programmes of most of them accompany this report, for the examination of your Committee on Sunday-schools. St. Joseph Classis, whose strength and efficiency the past year have been so much depleted by the many vacancies in its charges, and Tiffin Classis, in which our institutions of learning are situated, and where we would naturally look for more than usual interest in such a cause as that of the Sabbath-school, are the only classes that report a small attendance at the conventions; all the other classes report unusually interesting and well-attended conventions. The report from Lancaster Classis says: "We have never held a convention in which the interest has been so deep and the attendance so large." The report from Eastern Ohio Classis says: "Notwithstanding the place of meeting was very inconvenient to reach from the various points in the classis, yet the attendance was good. Nearly every charge and Sunday-school was represented. All on the programme were present, with one exception, and presented carefully prepared papers or addresses." Tuscarawas Classis reports a "very interesting and profitable convention." In the Northern Division of Miami Classis, "eighteen out of twenty-two schools were represented at the convention, which was the most pleasant and profitable ever held since the classis was first divided into two Sunday-school districts." Kansas and Shelby classes, we regret to say, held no convention during the year. This neglect to comply with the synod's instructions should be duly considered and remedied by the synod, in some way.

The ministry of the church are mainly responsible for the existence, character, and success of these Sunday-school conventions. We suggest that the synod instruct the different classes to enforce the rule in reference to the attendance of ministers at Sunday-school conventions (see Minutes of 1884, page 67) with special strictness and care.

3. Children's Day.

The one feature of the year in our Sunday-school work that calls for special mention is the joyful and successful observance of our first annual Children's Day, on September 6, 1885. From all parts of the synod we have received the most gratifying reports. The day designated has, we believe, been well chosen. It affords the best time in the year for tasty, beautiful, and elaborate decorations of the house of God. Coming as it does, also, just at that season of the year when spiritual interest in the church, as well as the attendance in the Sunday-school itself, begins to revive, it gives a blessed impetus to the whole church-life, and quickens every department of churchly activity with its holy joy, its thrill of praise, and its spiritual enthusiasm.

Your board prepared a "Service" appropriate to the day, and the publication of it was assumed by the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. A copy of this "Service" is herewith transmitted. It affords us great pleasure to report that this "Service" was very extensively used, and seems to have given general satisfaction. Nearly ten thousand copies were sent out to the Sunday-schools of our church.

Some Sabbath-schools outside of the bounds of this synod joined with us in the glad observance of Children's Day, and used the "Service" prepared by your board. We believe that the possibilities of good that may be accomplished through the proper observance of a Children's Day in our church, are just beginning to be truly appreciated. We believe, also, that what has been done by this synod within the past year, is the pledge and assurance of appropriate action on the subject by the General Synod in 1887.

The total amount contributed toward benevolence in the Children's Day services, within the bounds of this synod, was $1,000. About $100 were contributed by Sabbath-schools out-

side of the bounds of this synod. Were such a day observed throughout the entire Reformed Church, and each synod simply to give for benevolence as the Sabbath-schools of this synod contributed to various benevolent purposes on our first Children's Day, the sum of at least $7,000 could thus be secured for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on one such day alone. Surely the district synods and General Synod ought not to delay action in regard to this blessed movement among our Sunday-schools!

4. Signs of Progress.

The numerical strength of our Sabbath-schools, as a rule, has steadily increased during the year. The spiritual progress has been plain and marked. The Sunday-school is entering, more and more, into the true life and mission of the Church of Christ, and realizing its true purpose as being only a part of the church, not a separate, moral or philanthropic institution existing alongside of the church. The number of members of the Sabbath-school professing religion during the year has been greater than heretofore. There is deeper consecration on the part of officers and teachers. And, not counting the contributions of the Children's Day, more than five times as much has been given toward benevolence the past year than the year before.

We recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That while this synod positively enjoins upon all the classes within its bounds the observance of the first Sunday in September as the annual Children's Day, yet where it is necessary, because of the number of congregations in a charge, to observe more than one Sabbath, we designate the second Sunday in September to be observed by such charges in connection with the first Sunday in that month.

Resolved, That we hereby cordially invite all the district synods and the various classes of the Reformed Church in the United States, to join with us in observing Children's Day in September of each year, until the General Synod shall take suitable action in reference to this subject for the church; and the stated clerk of this synod is hereby instructed to communicate this request to them in due season, before their next annual meeting.

Resolved, That we hereby overture the General Synod, which meets in Akron, Ohio, in June, 1887, to establish a Children's Day for the entire Reformed Church in the United States; and we most respectfully suggest the first Sunday, or the first two Sundays, in September as the most suitable time in the year for such services.

Resolved, That we express our profound appreciation of the efforts of the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio, in providing an excellent Sunday-school literature, and efficient helps on the lessons, and we most heartily commend these Sunday-school publications to the use and patronage of all our Sunday-schools.

Resolved. That we hereby declare it to be the sense of this synod, that in reporting statistics of "Union Sunday-schools," only the proportion of officers, teachers, scholars, etc., justly due the Reformed Church, should be reported in the blanks furnished pastors and charges.

Resolved, That having discovered a marked discrepancy between the reports sent in on the Sunday-school blanks and in the reports on the usual statistical parochial blanks, in respect to the number of Sunday-schools and the number of Sunday-school scholars, this synod specially enjoins upon the stated clerks of the classes to bring this matter before their classes, at the next annual meeting, so that means may be devised to rectify this difference in the two reports on these points.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *President*.

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your committee have heard, with great interest the report of the Sunday-school Board, and hope that the members of the synod will catch from it that enthusiasm which will carry on our work with and for the children of the church to a glorious success.

With the evidences of the advance made during the last year before us, we have every reason to thank God and take courage.

We recommend the following items for your adoption:

1. The synod insists that the several classes furnish more complete Sunday-school statistical reports, and that pastors exercise more care, thoroughness, and promptness in reporting the Sunday-school statistics of their charges.

2. The synod hereby instructs the classes to enforce the rule about the attendance of ministers at the Sunday-school conventions.

3. The synod urges Kansas and Shelby classes to organize and hold yearly Sunday-school conventions.

4. The synod orders the general statistical Sunday-school report to be published in the minutes this year.

5. The synod suggests that the Sunday-school Board publish a "Service" for "Children's Day" next year.

6. The adoption of the report of the Sunday-school Board as a whole, and that it be published in the CHRISTIAN WORLD, for the general information of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB IHLE, *Chairman.*

III. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE OHIO SYNOD, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1885.

CLASSES.	STATED CLERKS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Months held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	No. of Scholars over 16 years of age.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of Members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Collections for use School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teachers' Meetings?		Do you study the Catechism in S. S?	
															Yes	No.	Yes	No.
Miami	H. M. Herman, D. D	42	11 5-21	4 028	2,719	1,371	547	429	4,084	163	925	1,819	$1,505	$399	11	28	4	35
Lancaster	G. H. Leonard	22	11 1-16	1,988	1,291	780	303	223	2,197	110	115	1,111	666	459	1		5	
Tuscarawas	R. C. Zartman	34	10 7-17	3,156	2,123	855	447	380	3,592	122	2,100	1,268	1,160	365	8	24	10	22
Tiffin	J. H. Good, D. D	20	11	1,676	1,075	490	213	145	1,632	102	905	758	648	94	6	14	8	10
Eastern Ohio	R. B. Reichard	18	9 7-9	1,648	1,212	469	220	142	1,862	87	675	679	522	190	2		2	
Northern Ill	Joshua Wolbach	9		292														
Shelby	J. F. Butler	8	8 1-2	500	292	80	57	13	565	18	300	92	60	21	2	4		6
Iowa	D. S. Fouse	16		699														
St. Joseph	J. R. Skinner	16	11	1,097	661	351	156		1,250	22	471	493	331	48	6	10	3	13
Kansas	G. W. Remagen	14	11	749	379	222	56	37	805	15	130	178	117	30	1	7	2	6
		199	10 8 5	15,837	9,752	4,566	1,999	13,78	15.987	650	5,630	6,398	$5,009	$1,606	37	87	34	92

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *President*, Germantown, Ohio.
Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *Secretary*, Farmersville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. George H. Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported, in Item 7, that an appeal was received from Rev. G. W. H. Smith, of Lancaster, Ohio, against the action of Miami Classis, with reference to his claim of a balance on salary against the Cæsar Creek charge; and that said appeal, and the papers relating thereto, were in the hands of the committee.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Friday, reported, in Item 1, that, as stated therein, Rev. G. W. H. Smith appealed from the action of Miami Classis, dissolving his relation with the Cæsar Creek charge, and confirming a call to his successor before the charge had met their temporal contract with him as the former pastor.

The same committee also reported, in Item 2, that Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., D. R. Taylor, and J. B. Henry, were appointed as counsel to defend the action of Miami Classis in said appeal case before the Ohio Synod. The counsel for the defense were in attendance at synod, but the appellant was not present, neither in person nor by authorized counsel.

The appeal, and papers relating thereto, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Abner R. Kremer, Emil P. Herbruck, and Elders Edward Andre and William Yeager. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which, "declaring the appeal not in order," was received and adopted.

Thereupon, on motion, the vote on the adoption of the report was reconsidered. The report was then amended by "striking out" and "adding to," and after some discussion the report as amended was adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Rev. G. W. H. Smith from an action of the Miami Classis, respectfully report:

That they have examined the documents placed in their hands, and also the minutes of the Miami Classis, from which it appears that the appellant failed to observe the constitutional provision, in cases of appeals, to lodge his reasons for appealing with the president of the body from which the appeal is taken. But, whereas, this synod, from all the facts now before it, feels that the case requires further investigation for the benefit of all parties concerned; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod requests Miami Classis to review the whole case again.

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. KEFAUVER,
ABNER R. KREMER,
EMIL P. HERBRUCK,
EDWARD ANDRE,
WILLIAM YEAGER,
Committee.

Immediately after the adoption of the foregoing report, the counsel for Miami Classis gave notice of their intention to appeal, in behalf of Miami Classis, from this action of the Ohio Synod to the General Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the appointment of counsel to defend the Ohio Synod before the General Synod, be deferred until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.

"HISTORIC MANUAL."

At the opening of the afternoon session on Friday, the stated clerk, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., presented, in the name of the author, a copy of the "Historic Manual of the Reformed Church in the United States" to the Ohio Synod, and it was referred to a special committee to submit a report thereon. The committee, as appointed, consists of Revs. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Dr. George W. Williard, William C. B. Shulenberger, and Elders Edward Andre and William Yeager. This committee, during the session on Monday morning, submitted the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare some action in regard to the work entitled the "Historic Manual of the Reformed Church in the United States," would respectfully report:

That we have examined this "Historic Manual," which was prepared, in accordance with the request of our General Synod, by Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., Audenried Professor of History and Archæology in Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and gives, in a condensed form, a history of the Reformed Church in Europe and America, from the sixteenth century to the present time, with a special reference to the Reformed Church in this country. It is supple-

mented with an Appendix, which contains brief sketches of our deceased ministers, tables of the meetings of synods, and comparative statistics of the various branches of the Reformed Church throughout the world.

This "Historic Manual," written in a terse style and excellent spirit, is a book of real merit, and contains much interesting and valuable matter; and while it meets a long-felt want in our church, and furnishes instructive reading for the people, it will be very useful as a book of reference. It is well-proportioned in its general make-up, beautifully printed, and forms a handsome volume of 433 pages.

We would suggest the following action for adoption by the synod:

Resolved, That we, as a synod, hereby heartily recommend the "Historic Manual" to all our ministers, consistories, and members of the church, believing it does not only deserve to be widely circulated and generally read, but that thereby useful historical knowledge will be imparted, and real good accomplished.

Resolved, That the copy presented to the synod, for which the author has its thanks, be placed in the Library of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DEVOTION.

During the morning session on Saturday, a paper proposing some modification in the order of business and devotion of the synod, was presented by Rev. John V. Potts and others, and it was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Alpheus E. Baichly, John C. Schaaf, David M. Christman, and Elders Robert Bell and Horace Ankeney. This committee, during the final session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee would report the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, That for which the petitioners ask is, in part at least, provided for in the synod's new Rules of Order; and,

WHEREAS, The constitution of the Reformed Church provides an order of business for the synod; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod does not think it wise, at this time, to disturb its present order.

Respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *Chairman.*

APPORTIONMENTS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

During the morning session on Saturday, Rev. Harvey L. Hart made a statement in regard to the apportionments of Northern Illinois Classis, with a special reference to the Orangeville charge. This statement was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John M. Kendig, Dr. George W. Williard, William C. B. Shulenberger, and Elders Lewis C. Garver and Joseph Copp. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the statement of Rev. Harvey L. Hart, of Northern Illinois Classis, relating to certain funds raised by the Orangeville charge for benevolent purposes, respectfully beg leave to submit this report:

We have considered the statement, and while there seems to be a misapplication of funds, we are of the opinion that the synod has no present jurisdiction. We would, therefore, recommend the complainant to present his cause to the classis, and there seek such redress as can be made.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

CONSOLIDATION OF SHELBY AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSES.

The following action was adopted by the synod:

WHEREAS, Some of the western classes, owing to their remoteness from the usual places of synodical meetings, are often not represented by either clerical or lay delegates, and thus there is always some danger of our not having a synodical quorum; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod most kindly and urgently requests the classes of Shelby and Northern Illinois to consider the advisability of their uniting in one classis, under such name as they may prefer, and, if at all possible, to perfect arrange-

ments to this end at an early date. To facilitate the accomplishment of the consolidation of these two classes, their respective officers are hereby instructed to call a special meeting of these two classes, within the next three months, to consider this matter.

St. Joseph Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in Item 6, requests the Ohio Synod to ratify the action of its special meeting, held April 7, 1885, at which time there was not a quorum present.

With respect to this request, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That, under the circumstances, the action, though irregular in form, be, and hereby is, ratified and confirmed.

Northern Illinois Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in Item 17, adopted the action of the synod with reference to the formation of a new synod in the West.

Kansas Classis, as reported by the same committee in Item 18, rejected the action of the synod in regard to forming a new synod, as it regarded such a project inexpedient and unconstitutional.

It appeared that Shelby and Iowa classes, which were included in the synod's action, had furnished no report in regard to the matter, either affirmatively or negatively.

In view of the fact that no constitutional number of classes favored the formation of a new synod, as authorized by the Ohio Synod in 1884 (Minutes, page 72), the president of the synod announced and declared that the project had failed.

On motion, the following action was adopted by the synod:

WHEREAS, It is of great importance, for the advancement of the church, that the best feeling and most cordial co-operation exist between this synod and the Central Synod of Ohio, occupying largely the same territory; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod appoint a delegate to attend the meeting of the Central Synod, in Vermillion, Ohio, on the 20th of October, 1885, and request said synod to appoint a delegate in return to the next annual meeting of our synod.

In accordance with the foregoing action, the following ministers were elected to represent the Ohio Synod in the Central Synod, namely: Rev. George W. Willard, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *secundus*.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received and considered:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your board was organized October 13, 1884, at Delaware, by the election of the following officers:

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Secretary*.

Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, *Treasurer*.

We have carefully read the statements by the publishers of our periodicals, and from these we learn the following facts, which we submit to the synod:

During the past year the *Christian World* has widened its circulation, yet not to the extent its merits would seem to justify. All its departments are well sustained, and bring to all the patrons of the paper useful information. It should, therefore, receive a more general support. Good results have invariably followed the personal efforts of either pastor or agent in securing new subscribers. From this it becomes quite evident that the circulation of the *World* depends largely upon the personal efforts of its friends. To do this, some provisions should be made.

The publishers open their columns to contributions from its patrons, hoping thereby to identify pastors and people with the progress of the paper, a most desirable end to be secured.

The Sabbath-school periodicals have been sustained to a most encouraging extent, the circulation of these being larger now than at any previous time. A change is contemplated in the matter of the catechetical department, this to be left out entirely for the year 1886, the place thus to be vacated to be filled by notes and explanations. This conclusion on the part of the publishers was reached only after the most thorough canvass of all the interests of our Sabbath-schools. An expression by this synod, through its committee, on the con-

templated change, will be most acceptable to the publishers.

The *Interior Monthly* has been published for nearly a year, and has proven its merits. Its more general circulation would be a valuable factor in the growth of our church, and should, therefore, receive the cordial support of all our people.

Rev. W. A. Hale's time, with Elder A. H. Baughman's, expires. Rev. J. G. Shoemaker's place is vacant, he having moved into the bounds of another synod.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee would report that the only document which came into their hands was the report of the Board of Publication, from which we learn that the *Christian World*, and the different Sunday-school periodicals, have been published regularly during the year, and that their circulation is gradually increasing, which is a matter of congratulation to this synod, as it is not possible for any church to carry forward its work successfully without some organ, or organs, through which it may acquaint its membership with the work to be done, and the way it should be done. The experience of this synod establishes the fact that those congregations which take and read the periodicals of the church, and in this way keep themselves posted as to what is and should be done are, as a rule, the most liberal, active, and prosperous. This being the case, your committee would suggest the importance of our ministers, elders, and members generally, co-operating with the editors and publishers, in every laudable way, to increase the circulation and efficiency of the publications of the church, so that they may accomplish the greatest good.

From the report of the Board of Publication, your committee learns that a new periodical, entitled "*The Interior Monthly*," was started during the year by the enterprising publishing company of Dayton, Ohio, the object of which is to awaken a more general interest in the literature of the day, and in this way be an educator in the church. The object being a laudable one, and the periodical itself of a high literary character, we would commend it to the favorable notice of

the church, in the hope that it may receive a sufficient support to justify the publishers in carrying it forward.

It is also gratifying to this synod to know that the *Christian World*, and different Sunday-school papers, are receiving a wider circulation, and thus increasing the circle of their influence. This is as it should be, and indicates that our people appreciate more fully the literature of the church. The work should go on until the *Christian World* finds its way into every family able to pay for it, and all our Sunday-schools co-operate fully in the circulation of our own literature.

Your committee would suggest the propriety of the publishing company continuing the *Scholars' Quarterly* in the same form as heretofore, with the catechism in it, and would request the publishers to enlarge the explanations in the *Quarterly*, so that it may compare favorably with other publications, and in this way secure a more general result in our Sunday-schools.

We also take pleasure in saying that, as far as we can learn, the periodicals of the church are well and ably conducted, and would recommend them to the patronage of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Jerome B. Henry, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jerome B. Henry. Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

With respect to the publication of the minutes, it was

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following matters received the attention of the synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OE SYNOD.

J. H. GOOD, *in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from October 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885, as follows:*

DR.

By balance from last year			$301 20
Eastern Ohio Classis,		1884, in part	70 00
Lancaster	"	1884, in part	26 33
Miami	"	1883, in full	46 56
"	"	1884, in part	45 60
Tuscarawas	"	1884, in full	139 06
St. Joseph	"	1884, in full	57 01
Kansas	"	1884, in full	16 98
Northern Illinois	"	1884, in full	10 66
" "	"	1879-1883	54 75
Iowa	"	1884, in full	20 75
			$788 90

CR.

To cash paid Dr. Williard, by order of synod, for interest on college money		$250 00
Sexton at Delaware		10 00
Delegate Bolliger, of Kansas		12 00
Dr. Reiter's bill:		
Railroad orders	$ 1 75	
Expenses to synod and Dayton	5 25	
Tickets for use of synod	1 50	
Expressage	75	
Wrapping-paper, mailing, etc.	3 00	
Postage-stamps for minutes	11 00	
Stationery and postage	5 00	
Salary as stated clerk for 1884	75 00	
Printing 1,200 Minutes of Synod, 1884	134 00	
		237 25
Postage, expressage, etc., of treasurer		8 36
Reformed Publishing Co., statistical blanks		11 75
Interest on temporary loan of $120 for three months		2 40
		$531 76
Balance in treasury October 1, 1885		257 14
		$788 90

UNPAID INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

Eastern Ohio Classis, in part, of		1884	$ 12 44
Lancaster	"	" 1884	57 17
Miami	"	" 1884	120 74
Tiffin	"	1884	81 95
Shelby	"	1884	15 22
			$287 52

Respectfully submitted.

JEREMIAH H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

The treasurers' reports of the various boards of the synod have been examined by us, and found correct.

From the report of Dr. J. H. Good, treasurer, in account with the synod, we find that the arrearages of Miami Classis of $46.56, and of Northern Illinois Classis of $55.89, mentioned in last year's report, have all been paid, with the exception of a small balance of $1.14 from Northern Illinois Classis.

We find, however, the following classes in arrears for the year 1884:

Tiffin Classis, in full	$ 81 95
Shelby Classis, in full	15 22
Eastern Ohio Classis, in part	12 44
Lancaster Classis, in part	57 17
Miami Classis, in part	120 74
Total delinquency	$287 52

The attention of delinquent classes is called to all their other arrearages, and are urgently requested to secure prompt attention and payment of the same.

The following amounts have been referred to the committee to be apportioned for the following purposes:

Missions	$5,000 00
Beneficiary Education	2,000 00
Church Erection	1,333 33
Contingent Expenses	500 00

These several amounts have been apportioned among the several classes, as follows:

CLASSES.	Members.	Missions, 26¼ cents per Member.	Church Erection, 7c per Member.	Benefic'y Education, 10 1/20 per Member.	Contingent Expen., 2½c. per Member.
Miami	4,464	$1,171 80	$312 48	$468 72	$119 04
Lancaster	2,508	657 03	175 21	262 81	66 74
Tuscarawas	3,453	906 41	241 71	362 56	92 08
Tiffin	2,131	559 39	149 17	223 75	56 82
Eastern Ohio	2,365	620 81	165 55	248 37	63 06
Northern Illinois	326	85 57	22 82	34 23	8 69
Shelby	474	125 61	33 18	49 77	12 64
Iowa	910	238 87	63 70	95 55	24 27
St. Joseph	1,790	469 87	125 30	187 95	47 73
Kansas	625	164 06	43 75	65 62	16 67
Totals	19,151	$4,999 42	$1,332 87	$2,000 33	$507 74

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN I. SWANDER,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
RUFUS C. ZARTMAN,
HORACE ANKENEY,
JOHN T. DERR,
Committee.

III. PAYMENT OF BILLS BY TREASURER.

The treasurer of the synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod, namely:

1. Mr. Sherwood, $2.75, for printing 100 tickets for the use of the synod.

2. Mr. Charles Snay, $10, for his services as sexton during the sessions of the synod.

IV. TABULAR STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENTS, ETC.

The subjoined action was adopted by the synod:

WHEREAS, It is very important that the Ohio Synod, and all parties concerned, should know whether the apportionments made within the last eight years have been raised in full or only in part; therefore,

Resolved, That the stated clerk of the synod be requested to draw up a tabular statement, giving a full exhibit of what has been done by the several classes in this respect, and that said exhibit be published in the minutes of the synod, and also in the *Christian World*, so that those in arrears may have

sufficient time to make up, if possible, any deficiency that may exist.

In accordance with the foregoing action, the following tabular statement is here embodied in the minutes of the synod:

TABULAR STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENTS.

CLASSES.	Year.	HOME MISSIONS		CH. ERECTION.		BEN. EDUCAT'N		THE. SEMINARY	
		Appr'n	Paid.	Appr'n	Paid.	Appr'n	Paid.	Appr'n	Paid.
Miami	1881	$ 960 00	$526 14	$223 10	$ 30 32	$457 00	$115 00	.....	.....
"	1882	1,035 64	632 85	142 86	50 33	524 00	158 00	$631 06	348 10
"	1883	1,225 00	589 84	442 32	101 61	540 00	306 00	248 30	134 26
"	1884	1,230 66	672 20	406 35	61 26	492 26	174 48	.....	.....
"	1885	1,174 80	.....	312 48	.....	468 72	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster	1881	534 00	450 03	142 00	88 62	255 00	335 00	.....	.....
"	1882	538 06	519 41	74 19	18 06	272 00	321 00	327 49	231 87
"	1883	658 56	668 61	237 97	156 76	291 00	197 00	137 75	159 28
"	1884	676 02	388 40	223 21	29 28	270 00	341 72	.....	.....
"	1885	657 03	.....	175 21	.....	262 81	.....	.....	.....
Tuscarawas	1881	678 00	338 00	170 70	.....	323 00	190 00	.....	.....
"	1882	720 84	374 18	99 66	.....	365 00	210 00	441 86	109 90
"	1883	931 36	449 83	343 71	.....	416 00	225 00	192 95	254 35
"	1884	943 93	785 95	311 67	.....	378 00	440 70	.....	.....
"	1885	906 41	.....	241 71	.....	362 56	.....	.....	.....
Tiffin	1881	428 00	301 98	122 10	124 76	204 00	110 00	.....	.....
"	1882	445 88	220 48	61 62	6 00	226 00	41 00	273 02	111 06
"	1883	581 00	214 01	210 23	9 50	257 00	198 00	118 00	41 73
"	1884	549 88	343 20	181 56	8 69	220 00	138 91	.....	.....
"	1885	559 39	.....	149 17	.....	223 75	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Ohio	1881	483 00	483 00	134 25	134 25	220 00	.....	.....	.....
" "	1882	520 24	364 45	71 76	14 22	263 00	50 00	316 96	47 20
" "	1883	596 48	677 00	215 55	.....	263 00	43 00	121 00	40 00
" "	1884	573 20	433 69	189 26	64 10	229 00	94 00	.....	.....
" "	1885	620 81	.....	165 55	.....	248 37	.....	.....	.....
North'rn Illinois	1881	91 00	50 39	3 00	.....	43 00	42 00	.....	.....
" "	1882	90 50	7 00	10 00	.....	40 00	15 00	5700	.....
" "	1883	80 00	16 00	30 30	.....	37 00	2 50	18 00	.....
" "	1884	89 04	.....	29 40	.....	39 00	.....	.....	.....
" "	1885	85 57	.....	22 82	.....	34 23	.....	.....	.....
Shelby	1881	115 00	29 40	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	1882	100 62	80 75	12 00	4 61	55 00	.....	63 00	19 06
"	1883	127 81	32 20	45 26	.....	45 00	38 00	25 10	2 77
"	1884	125 61	30 73	41 47	3 27	55 00	19 74	.....	.....
"	1885	125 61	.....	33 18	.....	49 77	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	1881	193 00	24 35	5 00	.....	92 00	.....	.....	.....
"	1882	200 60	.....	20 00	.....	95 00	.....	124 00	6 00
"	1883	241 76	.....	85 50	.....	105 80	.....	48 10	.....
"	1884	241 15	.....	79 62	.....	96 46	.....	.....	.....
"	1885	238 87	.....	63 70	.....	95 55	.....	.....	.....
St. Joseph	1881	358 00	108 27	92 85	83 85	171 00	90 00	.....	.....
"	1882	360 20	90 00	49 80	.....	183 00	100 00	220 80	.....
"	1883	450 00	122 00	160 26	58 80	198 00	100 00	90 90	12 50
"	1884	452 09	200 00	149 21	5 00	181 00	196 39	.....	.....
"	1885	469 87	.....	125 30	.....	187 95	.....	.....	.....
Kansas	1881	96 00	26 98	3 00	.....	46 00	.....	.....	.....
"	1882	85 00	19 99	10 00	36	49 00	1 32	50 00	1 56
"	1883	100 00	71 00	35 00	.....	40 00	.....	20 00	.....
"	1884	126 60	76 64	42 00	.....	50 88	.....	.....	.....
"	1885	164 06	.....	43 75	.....	65 62	.....	.....	.....

NOTE.—This tabular statement was to exhibit the amounts of the apportionments and of the payments for the last *eight* years; but, on examination, it was found that the system of apportionments among the classes in its more regular and complete form did not properly begin until in 1881. Previous to this time apportionments were mainly made to liquidate arrearages, and it is also somewhat difficult to ascertain, from some of the reports of treasurers, how much each classis contributed in payment of the amount respectively apportioned. It was, therefore, thought best to commence the tabular statement with the year 1881, which indicates the practical working and results of the apportionment system.

In the case of the church erection fund, it may be stated that the apportionments of *three* years (namely, for 1879, $700; for 1880, $200; and for 1881, $113; making a total of $1,013) are included in that of 1881, and so, also, the payments thereon.

The current year of the apportionments, which are made by the synod at its annual meetings, as well as of the payments made, runs from October to October of each year. Thus, for instance, and by way of explanation, the apportionment of 1881 has the amount paid set opposite, to the right, on the same line, but to find this amount, see minutes of 1882; and so in regard to each subsequent year.—[STATED CLERK.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman. The report was received and adopted, and the committee was instructed to have one hundred copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod, which was accordingly done. The election of the several boards was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Reuben Keller, George H. Souder, John J. Leberman, and Frederick Mayer, were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets, and received and counted the ballots, and during the morning session on Monday reported the result.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions; XIV, Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg College; XVIII, Sunday-schools; XX, Church Government; and XXI, Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, during the morning session on Saturday, the officers of the synod were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This committee, through the corresponding secretary, reported

near the close of the last session, and the report was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved by the synod.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, the synod proceeded to fix the time and select the place for the next annual meeting. In regard to the time, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the time for the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod shall hereafter always be the second Wednesday in October in each year, at seven o'clock in the evening, and, as such, to be regarded as a permanent rule until changed by the synod.

The places nominated were Canton, Carrollton, and Tiffin, Ohio, and Cedarville, Illinois. The roll was called, and the election proceeded, and resulted in favor of Cedarville, Illinois, as the place of the next annual meeting of the synod. It was then

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the synod shall be in general convention.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by the synod:

Resolved, That this synod returns its sincere thanks to the pastor *loci*, and to the families of this congregation and community, for the kind entertainment and cordial hospitality extended to the members of this synod while in their midst, and instruct the pastor *loci* to read this resolution from the pulpit, at his next preaching appointment.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this synod are tendered the choir of the Reformed Church of Louisville, Ohio, for their excellent leadership in the song services during these synodical sessions.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to tender the cordial thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in

the United States, convened at Louisville, Ohio, to the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Co., for granting its delegates reduced rates in passing over its road.

The roll was called, and there were found absent, without permission or excuse, the following members, namely: Revs. Emil P. Herbruck, Jacob V. Lerch, Charles M. Schaaf, Isaiah S. Hahn, and Elder John H. Bender.

The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet, in general convention, in the Reformed Church at Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 13, A. D. 1886, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday, October 19, 1885, at a quarter before twelve o'clock A. M., with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction by the president.

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
	Mt. Zion	1	90	30	...	8	8	1	...	1	...	...	4	1	70	...	$30 00	.....	5	
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	2	324	40	5	3	10	9	260	1	...	5	10	2	240	...	385 00	$1,500 00	12	Xenia, Ohio.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	320	100	20	4	19	4	268	2	...	11	9	1	295	...	431 00	1,486 00	16	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Wm. B. C. Shulenberger	West Alexandria	3	324	210	10	5	15	10	290	4	...	...	7	3	375	...	88 00	1,200 00	16	W. Alexandria, Ohio.
James T. Hale	Fairfield 1	3	320	170	2	1	8	7	260	10	...	33	7	3	350	...	19 00	1,060 00	12	Xenia, Ohio.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	337	98	30	14	22	8	272	6	1	5	3	5	478	...	261 00	903 00	30	North Hampton, Ohio.
James T. Hale	Cæsar Creek	3	109	75	...	5	10	...	98	...	...	...	1	1	50	...	30 00	550 00	10	Xenia, Ohio.
Benj. F. Tucker	Highland	2	150	47	1	5	9	3	109	4	...	3	3	2	145	...	70 00	475 00	12	Bloom Centre, Ohio.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	1	80	29	5	1	11	4	70	...	...	5	2	1	100	...	41 00	250 00	4	Hamilton, Ohio.
George H. Souder	Port Jefferson	3	156	55	5	7	17	1	130	2	...	32	4	3	164	...	120 00	680 00	12	Swander's Crossing, O.
William A. Hale	1st Church, Dayton	1	512	...	...	20	40	39	385	10	...	16	5	1	325	...	354 00	2,350 00	20	Dayton. Ohio.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	2	220	110	3	6	11	4	197	7	...	35	1	2	200	...	59 00	225 00	10	Farmersville, Ohio.
Alpheus E. Baichly, sup.	Winchester	1	25	5	...	1	1	1	16	...	...	7	4	1	85	...	5 00	100 00	2	Farmersville, Ohio.
Lewis B. Clayton	New Pittsburg	2	108	20	10	14	30	15	84	...	...	1	...	2	160	...	15 00	263 00	1	Union City, Ind.
Lewis B. Clayton, sup.	Hill Grove	3	160	28	1	...	...	1	91	6	...	3	3	2	125	...	16 00	425 00	8	Union City, Ind.
	Tremont City	1	90	18	1	1	1	1	65	1	...	28	4	1	103	...	42 00	436 00	6	Tremont City, Ohio.
William H. Shults	Springboro	1	98	24	2	1	2	5	88	2	...	1	4	1	108	...	555 00	570 00	9	Springboro, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	Germantown	2	227	77	13	7	21	19	102	5	...	...	5	2	280	...	231 00	708 00	13	Germantown, Ohio.
Levi Rike	Zion's (Elkcreek)	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	.....	.....	1	Heno, Ohio.
John Stuck	Bradford	3	97	28	6	5	9	...	84	...	...	...	2	2	80	...	17 00	714 00	6	Greenville, Ohio.
Jonathan C. Beade	Greenville	1	47	15	3	...	3	4	47	...	...	...	...	1	80	...	5 00	24 00	8	Greenville, Ohio.
Jerome B. Henry	Valley	3	275	...	2	11	22	8	218	2	...	11	2	3	221	...	81 00	502 00	7	Dayton, Ohio.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	250	40	1	4	11	7	200	...	...	22	3	3	210	1	.....	.....	12	Arcanum, Ohio.
	St. Paris	2	74	30	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	1	1	65	...	.....	100 00	6	St. Paris, Ohio.
Jonathan C. Beade, sup.	Salem	2	34	15	...	...	2	1	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	170 00	8	Greenville, Ohio.
	Hawker's	1	30	...	...	1	...	...	18	...	...	...	1	1	31	...	.....	19 00	2	
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Thomas H. Winters	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	Xenia, Ohio.
Adam Hawker	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	Dayton, Ohio.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D	Ed. Chr'n. World	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	Dayton, Ohio.
Michael Loucks	Ed. Chr'n. World	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	Dayton, Ohio.
Total, 24.		54	4464	1264	122	124	282	152	3510	63	1	218	80	46	4320	1	$2,855	$14,700 00	248	

1. Served by Rev. Amos Casselman since August, 1885. P. O., Fairfield, Ohio.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	425	90	16	3	15	4	381	2		10	8	2	307	1	$325 00	$788 10	10	Basil, Ohio.
John Vogt, D. D	Delaware	1	247	129	14	1	9	10	236	1		16	6	1	160		225 00	860 00	10	Delaware, Ohio.
Amos Casselman, 1	Thornville, *	4	417	123	16	6	10	3	360			8	8	4	307	3	483 00	970 00	17	Thornville, Ohio.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Kinnickinnick	3	170	63	5		6	4	126			2	2	2	125		75 62	506 00	3	Kingston, Ohio.
	Winchester, *	4	320	104	14	4	28		245				2	3	323	1	505 00	942 00	10	Canal Winchester, O.
Francis M. Shults	Jerusalem Mission	4	144	50	3	12	21	3	114			12	5	3	179	1	61 00	216 00	5	Bremen, Ohio.
	Stoutsville	3	261	101	6		17	1	141	4		12	5	2	204		74 00	650 00	10	Stoutsville, Ohio.
David M. Christman	Union	4	237	147	6	1	1	5	210			62	8	4	206		78 00	740 00	16	Baltimore, Ohio.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	259	184	74	61	124	9	237	4		22	12	2	178		156 00	1,023 00	14	Lancaster, Ohio.
James Heffley	North Union	1	23	14															2	Canal Winchester, O.
Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D. 1																				Middletown, Ohio.
Peter D. Schory	Without charge																			Lancaster, Ohio.
Total, 9.		28	2503	1005	154	88	231	39	2050	11		144	56	24	1989	6	$1,982 62	$6,695 10	97	

1. **Dismissed to Miami Classis.**

* The Thornville and Winchester charges, since the last annual meeting of **Lancaster Classis in May, 1885, were so reconstructed as to constitute four charges**, including the Somerset congregation, namely:

Thornville charge composed of the Thornville and New Salem congregations.

Glenford charge composed of the St. Paul's, Zion and Somerset congregations.

Winchester charge composed of the David's congregation, in Canal Winchester.

Zion's charge composed of the Job's, Zion's and Salem congregations.

The statistics are, however, all included in the Thornville and Winchester **charges as above printed. The Zion's charge has called Rev. James** Heffley, as pastor, but the other three charges are yet vacant.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommun'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	3	314	126	5	8	24	14	302	3			3	3	371	1	$171 00	$1,010 00	15	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	280	85	9	2	4	3	265	4			4	3	438		175 00	700 00	18	Massillon, Ohio.
Edward H. Otting	Union	2	228	95	9	1	2	1	171			21	2	2	130		172 00	575 00	12	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Emil P. Herbruck	Grace Reformed	1	461	50	20	4	11	26	390	5		27	1	1	318	1	250 00	1,600 00	8	Akron, Ohio.
Jonathan A. Novinger	Uniontown	3	120	75	10		7	3	112	2			2	2	175				10	Lake, Ohio.
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	273		6	3	8		180	2		10	6	3	263	1	127 00	2,225 00	8	Nimisilla, Ohio.
Abner R. Kremer	Trinity Reformed	1	172	105	9	3	9	7	158	4		110	2	1	200		85 00	875 00	12	Canton, Ohio.
J. J. Excell	Reedsburg	3	156	60		10	17	4	143	2		43	2	3	235		96 00	580 00	10	Reedsburg, Ohio.
Albert Gonser	West Salem	4	218	50	5	14	40	17	191	2		16	2	3			73 00	575 00	17	West Salem, Ohio.
James H. Steele	Mohican	3	179	89	7	17	18	1	118			5	8	2	280		100 00	650 00	10	Mohican, Ohio.
Rufus C. Zartman	English Reformed	1	110	40	5	7	7	1	87	4			1	1	108		95 00	1,273 00	10	Wooster, Ohio.
R. R. Lackey	Salem	1	83	16	6		1	7	74	2		17	5	1	82		67 00	440 00	10	Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Frederick Mayer	Apple Creek	1	128	29	5	1	11	13	106	2		14	5	1	90		45 00	525 00	8	Apple Creek, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber	Navarre	4	125	90	6	1	6	6	125	7			2	4	319	1	107 00	600 00	16	Navarre, Ohio.
Solomon Ream	Summit	2	96	15				1	67	3		7	2	2	145		40 00	200 00	8	Lake, Ohio.
Edward M. Beck	Bristol	2	156	32	5			4	110	7		9	4	2	160		100 00	700 00	13	Marshallville, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams	Canaan	2	125		8	6	17	3	100				4	2	105		58 00	875 00	10	Canaan, Ohio.
Orange E. Lake	Shelby	4	200	25	4		3	2	150				16	4	200		30 00	100 00	5	Shelby, Ohio.
	Jerusalem cong	1	14	6		1			13				1				14 00	100 00		
Luther P. Gross 1	Sharon cong	1	15	11					12								13 00	60 00		Kentland, Ind.
Total, 19.		47	3453	999	119	78	185	113	2874	49		279	72	40	3619	4	$1,818 00	$13,663 00	200	

1. **Dismissed to St. Joseph Classis.**

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D.	1st Church, Tiffin	1	231	98	9	4	21	3	217	3	..	1	8	1	169	..	$150 00	$1,250 00	10	Tiffin, Ohio.
Jacob Ihle	Zions	2	269	125	10	..	20	2	243	14	..	3	5	2	177	..	160 00	500 00	9	Bellevue, Ohio.
Morris L. Hittel	Lima	2	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	Lima, Ohio.
William Smith	Fort Seneca	3	159	31	3	11	17	3	149	6	..	..	..	3	165	..	32 00	1,410 00	5	Fort Seneca, Ohio.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	119	46	8	1	3	10	99	..	..	..	2	2	100	..	58 00	547 00	5	Fostoria, Ohio.
John I. Swander, D. D.	Fremont	1	96	46	4	1	2	6	92	1	..	6	..	1	80	..	41 00	400 00	6	Fremont, Ohio.
	Helena	2	100	59	7	2	7	2	110	..	..	20	7	2	192	..	60 00	600 00	4	Helena, Ohio.
Simon P. Myers	Bloomville	1	101	38	4	3	9	12	70	3	..	..	4	1	160	..	47 00	995 00	4	Bloomville, Ohio.
Samuel Shaw	Venice	2	65	47	14	..	1	6	55	..	..	1	1	2	100	1	72 00	800 00	9	Bloomville, Ohio.
Jesse Richards	Lindsey	2	150	62	11	18	32	10	130	11	..	5	6	2	200	1	80 00	600 00	3	Lindsey, Ohio.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	2	175	60	17	2	9	5	115	1	..	2	6	2	160	..	78 00	970 00	20	Bellevue, Ohio.
	Liberty Centre 1	2	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	Liberty Centre, Ohio.
Isaac A. Sites	Ada	4	195	75	7	8	2	16	157	2	..	1	3	4	212	..	110 00	443 00	15	Ada, Ohio.
David S. Caldwell	Carey	3	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	Nevada, Ohio.
J. H. Good, D. D	Bascom	2	105	95	20	1	10	..	102	5	..	3	5	2	114	..	120 00	..	12	Tiffin, Ohio.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D	Grace Church	1	149	66	8	1	9	14	136	..	..	3	1	1	142	..	98 00	1,300 00	8	Tiffin, Ohio.
Geo. W. Williard, D. D	Pres't. Heid. Col	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman, Rust, D. D	Prof. in Seminary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D	Prof. in Heid. Col	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. Col	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Jacob Klingler	Superannuated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Upper Sandusky, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Paulding	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	60	..	3 00	..	7	Payne, Ohio.
Charles W. Good	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tiffin, Ohio.
Augustus Konetska	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Fostoria, Ohio.
Charles O. Knepper, Lic.	Prof. in Heid. Col	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tiffin, Ohio.
Total. 22.		35	2131	843	122	52	142	89	1675	46	..	45	48	25	2081	2	$1,109 00	$9,815 00	131	

1. Served since November, 1885, by Rev. Geo. C. Gerlach.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars	Students Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	4	600	120	44	10	46		485	10		8	30	3	380	2	$214 00	$900 00	30	Louisville, Ohio.
Jacob V. Lerch	Columbiana	1	150	89	1				120	1		61	1	1	141		60 00	430 00	12	Columbiana, Ohio.
Chas. M. Schaaf	Mt. Olivet	2	244	151	5	2	8	2	224	4		16	6	2	223		85 00	750 00	12	North Lima, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	144	38	1	6	8	1	127	4		14	2	2	140		44 00	990 00	15	Germano, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Canfield-Warren	5	440	81	15	4	18	12	275	3		2	7	3	195		86 00	1,585 00	24	Canfield, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	Springfield	2	205		17	2	14	7	192	1			4	2	206		89 00	600 00	10	Petersburgh, Ohio.
Richard B. Reichard	New Lisbon	2	234	134	8	4	4	2	196	5		7	6	2	175	1	302 00	700 00	15	New Lisbon, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Haha	Carrollton	2	298	125	25	32	70	35	287	7		3	3	2	240		55 00	825 00	13	Carrollton, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning	St. Bethel cong	1	50	54	5				48	1			3	1	72		9 00	78 00	8	Osnaburg, Ohio.
John Meckley	Without charge																			Petersburgh, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller	Without charge																			Carrollton, Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Without charge																			Youngstown, Ohio.
John C. Klar	Without charge																			Navarre, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	Without charge																			Harmony, Pa.
Frank C. Witthoff	Without charge																			Ashland, Oregon.
John H. Bomberger	Without charge																			Sanford, Florida.
Total, 16.		21	2365	792	121	60	168	59	1954	36		111	62	18	1772	3	$944 00	$6,858 00	134	

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frank Wetzel	Dakota	4	74	33	5	4	8	5	55	1	..	..	4	3	123	..	$139 70	$322 00	4	Dakota, Illinois.
Joshua Wolbach	Forreston	2	98	81	11	..	3	1	85	3	..	..	4	1	43	1	75 00	575 00	3	Forreston, Illinois.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	2	50	25	3	..	2	2	20	1	..	..	2	1	40	..	10 00	125 00	3	Lena, Illinois.
Harvey L. Hart	Orangeville	4	104	15	7	7	45	3	104	6	..	..	1	4	90	..	145 00	450 00	5	Orangeville, Illinois.
Daniel Lantz	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Forreston, Illinois.
John Kercher	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	La Rose, Illinois.
Samuel Mease, D. D	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Chicago, Illinois.
Frederick W. Stump	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Redfield, Dakota.
George Weber	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Vinton, Iowa.
Total, 9.		12	326	154	26	11	58	11	264	11	..	..	11	9	296	1	$432 70	$1,472 00	15	

NOTE.—Contributions for Benevolent Purposes include $63 secured at Missionary Festival.

SHELBY CLASSIS. 1.

Julius H. Shuford	Astoria	2	86	66	1	..	....	1	65	..	..	..	1	2	60	..	$33 00	$450 00	3	Summum, Illinois.
Joseph F. Butler	Shelby	1	34	43	3	..	..	1	33	12	..	1	1	1	35	..	50 00	250 00	2	Altamont, Illinois.
James H. Lippard	Anna	4	184	..	8	20	24	..	150	2	..	1	2	2	100	..	60 00	2,600 00	4	Cheney, Kansas.
John A. Seitz	Mt. Zion, 2	2	111	62	4	2	18	3	88	..	..	2	..	2	134	..	111 00	425 00	3	Stoutsville, Ohio.
	Altamont	3	59	55	1	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	1	2	85	..	.....	.....	1	Altamont, Illinois.
Total, 4.		12	474	226	17	22	42	9	336	16	..	8	5	9	414	..	$254 00	$3,725 00	13	

1. This statistical report is the one of last year (1884), as Shelby Classis, for want of a quorum, could not hold its annual meeting before the meeting of synod, and hence the insertion of this table here. Some changes of pastors have taken place during the last synodical year, as is indicated by their post-office address.—*Stated Clerk.*

2. The Mt. Zion charge is now served by Rev. Robert F. Oplinger, whose post-office address is Grove City, Christian County, Illinois.

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick C. Bauman	Harmony	2	123	95	13	1	22	1	85	7	..	..	..	1	80	2	$100 00	$325 00	2	Zwingli, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	139	90	5	..	....	2	128	2	..	..	1	2	140	1	70 00	815 00	4	Lisbon, Iowa.
John H. Buser	Coneville	3	125	40	....	3	3	1	120	1	..	..	1	2	75	..	25 00	300 00	5	Coneville, Iowa.
David P. Lefever	Pleasant Valley	1	45	43	3	....	4	3	41	..	..	2	..	1	35	..	55 00	175 00	3	Imogene, Iowa.
Henry Bair	Liscomb	2	45	10	4	....	3	11	39	3	..	..	..	2	110	..	88 00	348 00	5	Liscomb, Iowa.
Samuel L. Runkel	Wilton	1	39	20	2	....	1	1	36	..	..	2	4	1	29	..	45 00	1,050 00	3	Wilton Junction, Ia.
George A. House	Maquoketa	3	70	65	2	1	1	6	65	1	..	..	..	2	90	..	30 00	680 00	3	Maquoketa, Iowa.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	40	30	6	..	5	6	60	4	..	..	3	1	40	..	200 00	225 00	1	Monticello, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	2	85	80	4	..	..	4	70	4	..	..	5	1	60	..	10 00	180 00	1	Clarion, Iowa.
William A. From	Columbus Junction	2	93	72	2	..	....	....	61	..	..	..	..	1	70	..	11 00	21 00	3	ColumbusJunction,Ia.
John Naille, 1	Leighton	1	20	5	....	....	....	....	20	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	5 00	200 00	1	Lyons, Iowa.
	Boulder, 2	2	90	72	1	....	....	..	60	....	..	..	..	2	70	..	15 00	100 00	1	
Total, 11.		24	914	622	42	5	39	35	805	22	..	4	14	16	699	3	$754 00	$4,419 00	32	

1 Without charge. 2. Without Pastor.

NOTE.—Iowa Classis will meet at St. Paul's Church, Columbus Junction Charge, Columbus Junction, Iowa, on Wednesday, October 13, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. Henry Bair, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer. This item could not be inserted at the proper place page 14, as it did not come to hand in time before going to press, and hence inserted here.—*Stated Clerk.*

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John L. Bretz	Bluffton	3	153	139	9	1	7	7	121	2		2	2	3	95	1	$92 00	$539 00	13	Bluffton, Indiana.
Theodore J. Bacher	Grace Reformed	1	142	50	16	27	63	79	120	4		8	2	1	116		126 00	6,545 00	6	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
William A. Miller	Winamac	4	104	48				1	92	2		16	4	4	225		30 00	560 00	6	Winamac, Indiana.
John V. Potts	Bunker Hill	3	139	30	1	1	15		70	4		23	1	2	150		120 00	607 00	6	Pulaski, Ohio.
William E. Ludwick	Three Rivers	1	75	60															4	Three Rivers, Mich.
William E. Ludwick	Moore Bark	1	34	20					30				3		15	1	5 00	245 00	2	Moore Park, Mich.
Israel Rothenberger	Denver	3	102																4	Denver, Indiana.
Peter J. Spangler	Marshall	4	195	20	20	12	42	13	190			67	3	4	212	2	91 00	657 00	4	Plymouth, Indiana.
John R. Skinner	Wakeshma	3	158	43	3	6	14	9	103			6	2	2	232		147 00	554 00	8	Fulton, Mich.
Allen K. Zartman	Zions	2	180	75	5	10	6	6	140	3		7		2	225		37 00	800 00	6	Goshen, Indiana.
	Kentland, 1	2	49	32	1	2	3	9	49				1	1	45		7 00	182 00	1	Kentland, Indiana.
	St. Paul	1	59	30	1									1	91		11 00	20 00	2	Colon, Indiana.
	White Pigeon, 2	2	110	45															2	White Pigeon, Mich.
	Neriah	2	62																1	Erie, Mich.
	Union	3	228	53	1	19	36		205	3			1	3	250		71 00	585 00	4	Waterloo, Indiana.
Geo. C. Gerlach, 3	Without charge																		1	Liberty Centre, Ohio.
William G. Hackman	Without charge																		1	Elkhart, Indiana.
Anson L. Hassler	Without charge																		1	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
Daniel Kroh	Without charge																		1	Toledo, Ohio.
Jonas Michael	Without charge																		1	Curveton, Indiana.
Elias Spangler	Without charge																		1	Edgerton, Ohio.
William A. From	Without charge																		1	Somerset, Ohio.
Total, 16.		36	1790	645	57	78	186	124	1120	18		129	19	22	1656	4	$737 00	$11,344 00	76	

1. Kentland is now served by Rev. Luther P. Gross.
2. White Pigeon is now served by Rev. W. O. Tobey.
3. Rev. Geo. C. Gerlach has accepted a call to Liberty Center charge, Tiffin Classis.

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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSIONS

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in general convention in the Reformed Church at Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and closed its sessions on the following Saturday evening, at half-past ten o'clock.

ARTICLE I.
OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened, agreeably to appointment, in the Reformed Church at Cedarville, Illinois, on Wednesday evening, October 13, A. D. 1886, at 7:00 o'clock, and the opening sermon, having for its theme the commission and work of the gospel ministry, was preached by the retiring president, Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., from Matt. xxviii. 19: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;" Mark xvi. 15, 16: "He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Samuel B. Yockey 2, Henry M. Herman, D. D., Amos Casselman, Daniel R. Taylor, George H. Souder 2, Alpheus E. Baichly, William H. Shults, Edwin R. Williard, Jerome B. Henry, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Michael Loucks.

Elders.—Joseph P. Burtner, Frederick Jenkins, Harvey Venus, and Horace Ankeney.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—George H. Leonard, Francis M. Shults, G. Wm. H. Smith, John A. Seitz, and Jacob P. Stahl.

Elders.—John W. Bishop and William H. Parks.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

There were no members present.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—George W. Williard, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., John D. Neff, and Isaac A. Sites.

Elders.—Henry Stoner and Edward Andre.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, John H. Bomberger, Richard B. Reichard, John M. Kendig, Reuben Keller, and Nathan W. Bloom.

Elder.—John Coy.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Prof. Frank Wetzel, Joseph Sechler, Joshua Wolbach, Harvey L. Hart, Daniel Lantz, Julius H. Shuford, George E. Metger, Joseph F. Butler, and Samuel L. Runkel.

Elders.—John Zollinger, William H. Barnds, Aaron Kostenbader 2, George W. Poorman, and Daniel Frantz.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Frederick C. Bauman 2, Dewalt S. Fouse, and Henry Bair.

Elders.—Albert Cort 2 and John R. Wetherell.

NOTE.—The figure 2 placed after the names of some members indicates that they did not arrive and take their seats until the second day of the sessions.—[STATED CLERK.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Theodore J. Bacher 2, John R. Skinner 2, and Peter J. Spangler.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Siegfried Thomas, George W. Remagen, and David B. Shuey 1.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

From North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod.—Rev. G. Dickey Gurley.

From Chicago Classis, Synod of Northwest.—Rev. John J. Janett.

From Tiffin Classis.—Licentiate William E. Shaley.

From Miami Classis.—Elder John Shindler.

From Northern Illinois Classis.—Elders Levi H. Diehl and Charles T. Kleckner.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. John H. Dillingham, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. P. Gheem, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. J. H. Keggle, Evangelical Association.
Rev. J. K. Shultz, Evangelical Association.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, *President*, Lisbon, Iowa.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. John H. Bomberger, *Cor. Secretary*, Columbiana, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order, the reading of which was dispensed with, were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the whole of the first six pews in the front and sides of the pulpit.

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1. Rev. D. B. Shuey, having been necessarily detained, did not arrive until Sunday morning, being after the final adjournment of Synod; yet it is thought that his name should appear on the roll.—STATED CLERK.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod were as follows:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at half-past one, and close at half-past four o'clock.

There were also short sessions held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, with special reference respectively to women's missionary societies, Sunday-school work, and the cause of home missions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Revs. Harvey L. Hart, Prof. Frank Wetzel, and Elder John Zollinger.

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. William H. Shults, Alpheus E. Baichly, John D. Neff; Elders John Coy and Henry Stoner.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, John A. Seitz, Richard B. Reichard; Elders John R. Wetherell and Edward Andre.

Overtures.—Revs. John M. Kendig, Isaac A. Sites, Francis M. Shults; Elders Joseph P. Burtner and William H. Parks.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. John J. Leberman, George W. Williard, D. D., Henry M. Herman, D. D.; Elders George W. Poorman and John W. Bishop.

State of Religion.—Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., John H. Bomberger, Amos Casselman; Elders Horace Ankeney and John R. Wetherell.

Missions.—Revs. Jerome B. Henry, Henry Bair, Jacob P. Stahl; Elders Frederick Jenkins and William H. Parks.

Theological Seminary and Education.—Revs. Isaac A. Sites, Michael Loucks, John M. Kendig; Elders Horace Ankeney and John Coy.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. Alpheus E. Baichly, George H. Leonard, Reuben Keller; Elders Harvey Venus and Daniel Frantz.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Revs. Amos Cassel-

man, George E. Metger, George W. Remagen; Elders John Zollinger and Frederick Jenkins.

Publication.—Revs. John A. Seitz, Nathan W. Bloom, Jerome B. Henry; Elders John W. Bishop and Joseph P. Burtner.

Finance.—Revs. Henry M. Herman, D. D., G. Wm. H. Smith, Richard B. Reichard; Elders Horace Ankeney and Harvey Venus.

Nominations.—Revs. Michael Loucks, George H. Leonard, Reuben Keller; Elders Frederick Jenkins and William H. Parks.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received and respectively referred:

1. The minutes of the classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Iowa, St. Joseph, and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the state of religion and statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its treasurer, together with the reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. The reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education.

4. The reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and of the financial agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

5. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

6. The report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Different other communications and papers were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and action thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, namely:

1. The synod spent the first half hour of each morning session, except that on Thursday morning, in devotional services, and the sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received and, as amended, adopted:

The Standing Committee on Religious Services would report the following:

Reformed Church, Cedarville.—Thursday evening, sermon by Rev. J. H. Bomberger. Friday evening, synodical Sunday-school work, conducted by the Board of Sunday-schools, and addresses by Rev. M. Loucks and Rev. J. Wolbach. Saturday afternoon, preparatory sermon by Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., and liturgical service by Rev. G. H. Leonard. Saturday evening, the cause of home mission work, addresses by Rev. S. B. Yockey and Rev. J. J. Leberman, followed by general discussion. Sunday morning, communion sermon by Rev. D. S. Fouse, assisted by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and liturgical services by Rev. W. H. Shults. Sunday evening, the subject of foreign missions, addresses by Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Rev. J. M. Kendig, and Rev. D. B. Shuey, followed by others in general discussion.

Presbyterian Church, Cedarville.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. J. B. Henry.

Presbyterian Church, Dakota.—Sunday afternoon, sermon by Rev. M. Loucks.

Evangelical Association, Cedarville.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. A. Casselman, and Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. G. W. H. Smith.

Evangelical Association, Spring Creek.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. J. R. Skinner.

Respectfully submitted.

HARVEY L. HART, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Standing Committee, were severally observed.

On motion, during the evening session on Saturday, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That a general children and Sunday-school meeting be held in the Reformed Church, on Sunday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, and that all the Sunday-schools of Cedarville be invited to be present, and that a committee be appointed to arrange a program for the same.

The committee consists of Revs. Harvey L. Hart, Alpheus E. Baichly, and William H. Shults. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and, as amended, adopted:

Your Committee on Children and Sunday-school Meeting would report that we have made the necessary arrangements for said meeting, and have appointed Rev. Dr. George Williard and Rev. Samuel B. Yockey to deliver addresses on the occasion, together with other members of synod to make impromptu speeches.

We would also recommend that, in connection with said meeting, memorial services be held with respect to Rev. John Meckley, deceased, of the Eastern Ohio Classis, and that an address, appropriate to the occasion, be delivered by Rev. John M. Kendig.

Respectfully submitted.

HARVEY L. HART, *Chairman.*

At the appointed time the services were observed, as suggested in the report, and proved to be of an interesting and enjoyable character.

On motion, the following action was adopted by synod, with respect to the appointment of a Committee on Religious Services for the next synod, namely:

Resolved, That this synod, through its president, appoint a Committee on Religious Services, whose duty it shall be to

appoint speakers to deliver addresses upon the following subjects at the specified time, and that the several speakers be notified by the committee at least four weeks before the synod shall meet.

The subjects to be discussed are as follows:

Tuesday evening, sermon by the president and organization. Wednesday evening, the subject of Church Erection. Thursday evening, Woman's Missionary Society. Friday evening, the question of Temperance. Saturday evening, Why we are Reformed. Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, Sunday-school Work. Sunday evening, the subject of Missions.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolution, and as appointed by the president, consists of Rev. G. Wm. H. Smith, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, George H. Leonard, and Elders John W. Bishop and Horace Ankeney.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Two copies of the minutes of the last Ohio Synod were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted the following report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully submits the following report:

Item 1, page 16. The Stated Clerk of Synod is instructed to procure the minutes and statistics of Iowa Classis.

Item 2, page 31. Apportionment by the Standing Committee on Missions.

Item 3, page 44. Seminary Professors instructed to visit the several classes of synod.

Item 4, page 44. Co-operation of the Permanent Committee of Classes with Theological Professors.

Item 5, page 44. Respecting the relations, functions and duties of the two Seminary Boards.

Item 6, page 52. Indebtedness of synod to Heidelberg College assumed from Hamilton Church.

Item 7, page 60. Sunday-school Statistical Reports.

Item 8, page 60. Attendance at Classical Sunday-school Conventions.

Item 9, page 60. Organization of Sunday-school Conventions in Kansas and Shelby Classes.

Item 10, page 60. Publishing of Sunday-school Statistics.

Item 11, page 60. "Service" for Children's Day, in the Sunday-schools.

Item 12, page 63. Synod's request to Miami Classes, to review the "Smith appeal case."

Item 13, page 63. Defense of Ohio Synod, in Smith appeal case.

Item 14, page 66. Union of Shelby and Northern Illinois Classes.

Item 15, page 67. Referring to the fraternal relations and interchange of delegates between the Central and the Ohio Synods.

Item 16, page 70. Having reference to Sunday-school publications.

Item 17, page 70. Publication of Minutes of Synod by the Stated Clerk.

Item 18, page 72. Apportionments among the several classes.

Item 19, page 73. Stated Clerk requested to publish a tabular statement of financial apportionments.

Item 20, page 76. Stated Clerk instructed to thank railroad companies for favors to delegates of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SHULTS, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: For report in Item 1, see Article XXI, Publication; the subject matter of Item 2 was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; Items 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16 and 18 were adopted; for report in Item 5, see Article XIV, Theological Seminary; in Items 10, 11, 17, 19 and 20, it was reported that the duties required were attended to; Items 12 and 13 were laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes shall report, (see Article XVIII, Appeals and References); Item 14 adopted in connection with Item 20 in the report on Minutes of Classes; Item 15 adopted and for reports, see Article XX, Church Government; and Item 6 was adopted, and, on motion,

Resolved, That this Item be referred to the several classes, and that they be requested to see that said apportionment be fully met.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report that the official records of all the classes have been placed in our hands, and carefully and patiently examined. We submit the following items as claiming the attention of synod:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Tiffin Classis gathers its Sunday-school statistics from its Sunday-school convention, contrary to the instructions of synod upon this point.

2. Northern Illinois, Kansas and St. Joseph Classes record items in the reports of committees after they had been ordered stricken out of said reports.

3. Shelby Classis does not furnish its minutes in proper form as to size of paper.

4. Tuscarawas Classis submits its report on the State of Religion and Morals to synod instead of to the president of synod, who informs your committee that he received no such report from this classis previous to the meeting of synod as has been officially ordered by synod.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLASSES TO SYNOD.

5. Miami, Tuscarawas, Northern Illinois, Iowa, St. Joseph and Kansas Classes request synod to take suitable action in reference to effecting a union of the Reformed Church in the United States with the Reformed Church in America, and also with the Presbyterian Church.

6. Eastern Ohio Classis requests synod to express its judgment on the question as to how long unconfirmed members of the church are to be reported as such.

7. Iowa, Kansas and Northern Illinois Classis request synod to take all necessary steps for the organization of a new synod in the West.

8. Northern Illinois Classis calls the attention of synod to Dakota Territory as an important missionary field.

9. Northern Illinois Classis requests synod to re-organize Shelby Classes.

10. Northern Illinois, Iowa and Kansas Classes request to be relieved from paying the synodical apportionments for missions, church erection, and beneficiary education.

11. Northern Illinois Classis requests synod to consider the Oplinger case.

12. St. Joseph Classis requests synod to temporarily reduce its apportionments one-half.

13. Kansas Classis requests synod to divide its territory into two classis.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES BY SYNOD.

14. Miami Classis declines to review the Smith appeal case, giving its reasons for so doing and continuing its counsel.

15. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Iowa and St. Joseph Classes accept synod's request in reference to the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies.

16. Miami, Eastern Ohio and Northern Illinois Classes accept synod's action in reference to raising the full amount of the apportionment for church erection.

17. Lancaster Classis declines to accept said action of synod.

18. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Northern Illinois, St. Joseph and Kansas Classes accept synod's action in reference to more complete Sunday-school statistics.

19. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. Joseph, Eastern Ohio and Kansas Classes accept synod's request in reference to enforcing the rule as to the attendance of ministers at Sunday-school conventions.

20. Shelby and Northern Illinois Classes acceded to synod's request that they should consolidate.

21. Miami and Tuscarawas Classes accepted synod's action in reference to Dr. Dubb's Historic Manual.

22. Miami, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and Northern Illinois Classes accept synod's apportionments.

23. Lancaster Classis accepts synod's apportionments for missions and beneficiary education.

24. Miami, Tiffin and Eastern Ohio Classes accept synod's statement of unpaid apportionments, and urge upon their churches the payment of the same.

25. Lancaster Classis refuses to accept the same.

26. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and Iowa Classes adopted synod's instructions in reference to the observance of Children's Day.

27. Northern Illinois Classis declines to accede to synod's action with reference to the Theological Seminary.

28. Kansas Classis accepts synod's apportionments as far as they relate to missions.

IV. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

29. Miami Classis received Rev. S. F. Hershey, Ph. D., from Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. H. Steele from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. Wm. Smith from Tiffin Classis; dismissed Rev. B. F. Tucker to the Methodist Protestant Church, and Rev. S. F. Hershey, Ph. D., to the Dayton Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

30. Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. A. Seitz from the St. Joseph Classis and Licentiate B. Frank Davis from Philadelphia Classis, synod in the United States, and ordained him to the gospel ministry; licensed and ordained J. P. Stahl and S. W. Seeman.

31. Tiffin Classis received Rev. G. C. Gerlach and Rev. W. A. Miller from St. Joseph Classis; dismissed Rev. Wm. Smith to Miami Classes, and Rev. M. Z. Hittel to Mercersburg Classis, synod of the Potomac; licensed and ordained F. H. Keller and dismissed him to Kansas Classis; licensed A. G. Berkey and dismissed him to St. John's Classis of the Central Synod; licensed H. Dieckman and W. E. Shaley.

32. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed Rev. J. V. Lerch to Miami Classis, and Rev. C. M. Schaaf to San Francisco Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

33. Northern Illinois Classis received Rev. S. L. Runkel from Iowa Classis; dismissed Rev. J. H. Lippard to Kansas Classes, and Rev. George Weber to Ursinus Classis, Synod of the Northwest; licensed and ordained Licentiate George E. Metzer.

34. Iowa Classis received Rev. W. A. From from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. James R. Lewis from Kansas Classis, and Rev. R. R. Lackey from Tuscarawas Classis; dismissed Rev. S. L. Runkel to Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. D. P. Lefever to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. G. A. House to Tiffin Classis and Rev. J. H. Albright to St. Joseph Classis.

35. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. W. H. Xanders from Indiana Classis, Synod of the Northwest; Rev. L. P. Gross from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. W. A. Tobey from the Carlisle (Pa.) Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. H. Albright from Iowa Classis; dismissed Rev. R. F. Oplinger to Shelby Classis, Rev. W. A. From to Iowa Classis, Rev. W. A. Tobey to the Carlisle (Pa.) Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. G. C. Gerlach and Rev. W. A. Miller to Tiffin Classis, and Rev. J. L. Bretz to Tuscarawas Classis; licensed and ordained Freeman Ware.

36. Kansas Classis received Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart from West Susquehanna Classis, Synod in the United States, Rev. J. W. Love from Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, Rev. F. H. Keller from Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. R. Lewis from Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. A. G. Lohman from Nebraska Classis, Synod of the Northwest; dismissed Rev. J. R. Lewis to Iowa Classis, and Rev. J. W. Rauch to the Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

37. Shelby Classis dismissed Rev. J. A. Seitz to Lancaster Classis.

38. Tuscarawas Classis dismissed Rev. A. R. Kremer to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. J. H. Steele to Miami Classis, and Rev. R. R. Lackey to Iowa Classis.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

39. Miami Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Greenville, Ohio, on Thursday, May 12, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. B. Henry, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

40. Lancaster Classis will meet at Canal Winchester, Ohio, on the first Thursday on or before full moon in May, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

41. Tuscarawas Classis will meet at Wadsworth, Ohio, on the last Thursday in May, 1887, at 3:00 p. m., Rev. E. M. Beck,

President; Rev. R. C. Zartman, Stated Clerk; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

42. Tiffin Classis will meet at Bettsville, Seneca County, Ohio, on the first Thursday in May, 1887 at 10:00 a. m. Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

43. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet at Carrollton, Ohio, on the second Thursday in April, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. G. W. Henning, President; Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk; Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

44. Northern Illinois Classis will meet on May 28th, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. at Summum, Illinois, in case Shelby Classis is not reorganized; provided however, if Shelby is Classis reorganized before May 1887, then Northern Illinois Classis is to meet at Forreston, Illinois, May 28th, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. Sechler, President and Treasurer; Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Stated Clerk.

45. Iowa Classis will meet at Wilton Junction, Iowa, September 21st, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. A. From, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

46. St. Joseph Classis will meet at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the Thursday on or preceding the first full moon in May, 1887 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. K. Zartman President; Rev. J. R. Skinner, Stated Clerk; Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treasurer.

47. Kansas Classis will meet at Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, May 5th, 1887 at 8:00 p. m. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, President; Rev. G. W. Remagen, Stated Clerk; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The following disposition was made of this report: The several Items adopted were 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and from 26 to 47 inclusive; for actions in Items 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17 and 25, see Article XX, Church Government; Item 8 was adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions; for action in Item 14 see Article XVIII, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday, presented their report,

which was received and taken up item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole:

Your Committee having considered the documents referred to them respectfully submit the following report:

Item 1. A communication from Rev. R. L. Gerhart, requesting the appointment by Synod, of a minister to assist at the corner-stone laying of St. Paul's Reformed Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Item 2. A communication from "The Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions" relating to the work, and "requesting the Synod to co-operate and take such measures as shall afford the assistance the Board requires in order that they may follow the leading of Providence, and have part in the conversion of Japan to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Item 3. A letter of greeting from Rev. J. A. Keller, delegate from Central Synod, in behalf of said synod.

Item 4. A paper from Mrs. S. B. Yockey and Miss Sallie Leaman in behalf of, and for, the Woman's Missionary Society" of Miami Classis on the subject of "Women's organization for missionary work."

Item 5. A request from Rev. J. V. Potts asking to be excused from attendance on this synod.

Item 6. A request of like nature from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D. and Rev. John Stuck.

Item 7. Reasons of Miami Classis for its appeal to Gen. Synod in the Smith Appeal case.

Item 8. A volume entitled "A Treative on Baptism" by Rev. J. J. Leberman, for consideration by synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: For action in items 1 and 8, see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous; for action and reports in items 2 and 4, see Article XIII, Missions; for the action in item 3, see Article XX, Church Government; in items 5 and 6, the request to be excused was granted; item 7 was laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes shall report, see Article XVIII, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the morning session on Friday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted;

Your Committee on examination, licensure and ordination would respectfully report, that no candidate applied, and hence they have no further report to make.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on the State of Religion and Morals offer the following report:

First of all, it becomes us to acknowledge God's goodness and mercy, vouchsafed in Christ Jesus unto us as ministers and elders during the last synodical year: "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods." Psalms xcv. 1–3.

The reports from the various classes reached us according to the standing rule of the synod. These indicate clearly that throughout our borders Christ's ministers have been faithful in the discharge of their responsibilities—that their labor of love in the Lord has not been without gratifying results. Sinners were admonished to come with repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the saints were strengthened in their faith and hope through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments. All the reports evidence that the churches enjoyed the grace and influence of the Holy Ghost, the abiding Divine Presence with the believing host.

The work of the year is testimony anew that Christianity

is a life—a divine thing in the earth. The congregations have made increase. Progress has been made. We have gone forward, lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of our Reformed Zion. Few of our classes have reason for discouragement. True, there have been hindrances, here and there, with which pastors had to contend in the discharge of their duties. One report on the state of religion "is not very complimentary in a few of its parishes." May it please the Lord to remove the hindrances through his own ordained means. His promise is faithful; his word shall not return unto him void.

It is most gratifying to report to your venerable body that our ministers have been faithful in the preaching of the Word, in the administration of the sacraments, in the catechisation of the youth, in the visitation of the sick, in comforting the sorrowing, and in the reception of members into the church by our time-honored custom of confirmation.

It is, however, to be regretted that there is necessity for complaint on the part of some of our pastors that they find apathy among their people to catechisation. It should not be so. Nothing is more helpful to parents to bring their children to a clear apprehension of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. It is a most gracious and blessed benefit to children to be thoroughly catechised by a pious and faithful pastor. We are most happy to state that the catechisation of our youth is not the exception, but the rule. So it should be. God wants the children in covenant relation with himself, taught industriously the way in which they are to go. God wants them thoroughly prepared, through faithful instruction, for the full communion and fellowship of the church.

The reports speak favorably of the moral state of the people, and represent their spiritual condition commendable. The people are developing. They are going on toward the perfection of our heavenly Father. There are shining examples of piety, zeal, and godliness in our churches. The Christian virtues and graces of the religion of our blessed Master are manifested. Yet we are not without spots and blemishes, as already indicated. We are yet in the militant sphere. Let us fight on until God calls us into the realm of bliss and inexpressible felicity.

There has been encouraging progress in our Sunday-school

operations. Proper account is made of the Sunday-school as auxiliary to the upbuilding of a true church life. It is felt more and more that the children can be depended upon as efficient helpers to carry forward benevolent enterprises. Our Children's Day services demonstrate clearly what a spiritual force the little ones of the fold are.

It is well also to note the fact that all along the line of our educational enterprises we have had measured success. Both the college and the School of the Prophets are in a prosperous condition. Many of our youth are seeking higher education. We give thanks to God for this. Christian education is the strong arm of the church in her conflict with the kingdom of darkness. Let us remember this as pastors and elders, and give our hearty support to the college and seminary. Let us encourage our children to become educated in our denominational schools of learning. It is the part of wisdom.

The health of our ministers has been very good. Few were hindered by sickness from attending to the care of the churches. Yet, we have to report the death of our brother, Rev. J. Meckley. He has joined the saints in glory. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. . . . Their works do follow them." We are admonished by the removal of this servant of God that we too must pass from the present stage of action. As we do not know the hour nor the day when the Lord will call us by death, let us redouble our energy in his blessed service, and keep ourselves ready for his appearing.

And now—"Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Rev. i. 5.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports on the subject of missions were received and considered, and also adopted:

1. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.*

To the Ohio Synod:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—In presenting its annual report to the Ohio Synod, the Board of Home Missions feels that there is special reason for gratitude to the great Head of the church, in view of the prosperity that has attended the work during the year, and the highly encouraging prospect for continued and increasing success. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

The usual obstacles that hinder the rapid growth of the missions—such as are found in the large field lying within our borders, the meager supply of funds placed in the treasurer's hands, and the scarcity of ministers, and, above all, the want of a suitable man to superintend the work—are still found, and yet the following brief statement of each mission will at least give some idea of what has been done, and present a hopeful outlook for the future:

1. *Jerusalem Mission.* The Rev. F. M. Shults has served this mission since June 1, 1884. He reports steady growth and a very encouraging prospect for increase, and for the establishing of a self-supporting charge. This is our oldest mission, and has been so long under the care of the board that we hope the day is not far distant when they will be able to get along without any aid from the church at large. To stimulate them to more earnest endeavor, the board has been decreasing the appropriation $50 annually. This year the appropriation is $100.

2. *Greenville, Ohio.* Vacant part of the year. The classis, in whose bounds the church is situated, recently added some neighboring congregations, and Rev. J. M. Kessler was commissioned to take charge of the same. He reports very favorably concerning the prospects of the mission. The appropriation is $200.

3. *Paulding, Ohio.* This mission was taken charge of by Rev. J. W. Barber, about the 1st of July, 1885, and although the mission was for a long time vacant, which had a tendency to cripple the mission, it has a larger membership than it had a year ago, and the pastor expects to add another congrega-

tion in the near future, and intimates that if he could be supported so as to give all his time to the work, much more could be accomplished, but for the present he must devote a portion of his time to manual labor to support his family. Appropriation, $250.

4. *Lima, Ohio.* The mission has been vacant for nearly a year, and although the Board of Church Erection succeeded in borrowing money and securing the property for the time being, the mission was in such a condition that the board requested Tiffin Classis to investigate, and report as to the advisability of continuance. Tiffin Classis succeeded in adding two congregations of the Ada charge to the congregation at Lima, and now, we believe, if a pastor can be secured at once, who will stand by the work, that his labors will, in due time, under the blessing of our gracious Lord, be abundantly rewarded. There are no peculiar hindrances to the success of our cause at Lima, but everything in our favor. The city with its thousands, and the discovery of oil adding largely to the wealth and population of the city, gives it a more hopeful appearance than it had a year ago. Appropriation, $500.

5. *Ft. Wayne, Ind.* Rev. T. J. Bacher. The same decided advance that has characterized this mission from the beginning, in all the elements that contribute to the efficiency of a congregation, are manifest, and with a people so active and possessing so much self-sacrificing devotion, may we not expect the most encouraging reports in the future? Appropriation, $600.

6. *Kentland, Ind.* This mission, under the pastoral care of Rev. L. P. Gross, has been steadily gaining ground, and if church buildings such as the mission needs were only secured, greater progress might be expected. Appropriation, $300.

7. *Holton, Kansas.* Rev. H. Shumaker, pastor. Appropriation, $400. Owing to discouragements, caused by failure of crops, not much progress has been made during the last year. The mission, however, is in a healthy condition. So far as can yet be seen, there is no reason to doubt ultimate success, but under present circumstances the growth must be slow.

8. *Lyons, Kansas.* Rev. A. R. Holshouser, pastor. Appropriation, $250. The hopeful pastor always sees encouragements in the future, but reports very little progress during

the year. He is zealously engaged in looking up the surrounding country, and. will doubtless be able to organize other congregations in the near future.

9. *Wathena and Baker, Kansas.* When the former pastor left the mission, he recommended a man who could preach in both languages and do outside work. As a means of making the field self-supporting at an early day, Baker was therefore added to Wathena, and Rev. F. H. Keller was commissioned to take charge of the mission. All has not been accomplished that was anticipated, yet the prospect for steady growth is quite favorable. Appropriation, $100.

10. *Altamont, Ill.* Rev. J. F. Butler, pastor. Appropriation, $150. The missionary has repeatedly asked the board to secure another man to take his place and relieve him, and yet the board feels that the missionary is doing faithful work, and have requested him to remain at his post for the present.

11. *Liberty Center, Ohio.* Rev. G. C. Gerlach, pastor. Appropriation, $100. The pastor sends in a very encouraging report, and anticipates, under the blessing of the Master, a successful development for our work in that region.

12. *Venice Mission, Ohio.* Rev. S. Shaw, pastor. Appropriation, $150. This mission has been making steady advancement this year, and a number of additions have been made to the congregations—some of them heads of families. The pastor has labored hard, and his work has not been in vain in the Lord.

13. *Sabetha, Kansas.* Rev. A. G. Lohman, pastor. Until recently the self-sacrificing pastor has watched over the mission without asking any aid from the board; but the hard times, occasioned by hog cholera and failure of corn crop, made it necessary for the board to render some aid, and $100 were appropriated for one year.

14. *Colon, Mich.* Rev. J. H. Albright, pastor. Appropriation, $200.

15. *Neriah, Mich.* Rev. Freeman Ware, pastor. Appropriation, $100.

Very little can be said of the last two as they have but recently come under the care of the board at the request of St. Joseph Classis, in whose bounds they lie.

Our attention is repeatedly called to the large cities, as Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, and Toledo. The treasurer's

statement, showing how far we came short of synod's apportionments, will show one of the reasons for our not occupying these promising fields. It would certainly be very gratifying to the board to be able to give encouraging reports from these large cities, but to do this the church must come forward with large donations, and pay them promptly into the hands of the treasurer, that men who are willing and able to do successful work in such centers might be able to live.

In order to maintain the present missions under our care, not less than $5,000 will be required during the coming year. If we are to take up any new fields, additional appropriations must be made; and in order that we may be able to do more work this year, and that the Reformed Church may prosecute her work with renewed vigor and with increased confidence of success, the board would recommend the election of a superintendent of missions.

Synod is reminded that the term of Rev. J. J. M. Gruber expires at this meeting, and that the places of Revs. A. R. Kremer and C. M. Schaaf are also made vacant by their removal from our synodical bounds.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. M. GRUBER,
President pro tem. Board of Missions.

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2. Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 14, 1885, to October 13, 1886.*

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To cash on hand October 14, 1885	$186 21	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D	803 53	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer	610 78	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard	482 07	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. T. J. Bacher	465 00	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn	440 61	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D	213 19	
Kansas Classis, Rev. D. B. Shuey	91 76	
Shelby Classis, John Runkel	15 64	
Wm. Seibert, United States Synod	20 00	
Christmas offering from a friend	25 00	
Rev. J. G. Steinart	3 00	
		$3,356 79

CR.

Rev. J. C. Beade	$424 77	
Rev. F. M. Shults	141 88	
Rev. S. C. Goss	1 50	
Amount	$568 10	

Amount brounght forward	$568 15	
Rev. J. W. Barber	250 84	
Rev. J. F. Butler	138 14	
Rev. A. R. Holshouser	310 47	
Rev. T. J. Bacher	580 30	
Rev. L. P. Gross	233 75	
Rev. M. Z. Hittel	245 58	
Rev. J. V. Potts	22 19	
Rev. S. Shaw	138 64	
Rev. H. Shumaker	316 48	
Rev. E. P. Herbruck	1 00	
Rev. J. J. M. Gruber	1 30	
Rev. J. M. Kendig	5 10	
Rev. A. R. Kremer	50	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	7 85	
Rev. G. C. Gerlach	100 00	
Rev. J. H. Albright	120 00	
Rev. H. F. Keller	114 70	
Rev. A. G. Lohman	25 00	
Rev. J. M. Kessler	50 00	
Rev. F. Ware	25 00	
Postage, exchange, etc	14 70	
Cash on hand	87 10	
		$2,788 64
		$3,356 79

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection met in the First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, November 13, 1885, and organized by electing Rev. E. Herbruck, *President;* Rev. J. B. Henry, *Secretary*, and Elder A. H. Baughman, *Treasurer.* Very little of importance came before the board, and a reference to the treasurer's report, which accompanies this, will reveal the fact that the board can do very little efficient work because of the lack of funds. We would call the attention of synod to the fact that of the two apportionments made by your body at Delaaware, in 1884, and at Louisville, in 1885, but very little has been paid. Pastors have had their attention called to the matter, but by the majority no regard has been paid to the appeal. The money borrowed for the mission at Lima, will be due in January, and unless the pastors comply with the behests of synod, there will be nothing to pay the note with when due. It seems to us a strange and inconsistent course on the part of pastors who go to synod, vote money to a certain measure, thus obligating themselves, and yet return to their charges and ignore, or neglect what they have promised to do.

We again call the attention of synod to the necessity of establishing a church erection fund, so that a greater stimulus may be given to church building, and struggling churches aided in their work of building up the Master's kingdom. It would take some years before such a fund would increase to such an extent as to be available, but the foundation should be laid. There is no reason why we should delay. The matter has already been neglected too long.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HERBRUCK,
President Church Erection Board.

4. Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 13, 1886.

1885. DR.

Dec.	2.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, late treasurer of board	$ 68 41
1886.			
Mar.	23.	" " " Rev. J. H. Good, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	39 00
April	14.	" " " Valley charge in Miami Classis	15 45
"	30.	" " " Xenia " " "	6 64
May	6.	" " " Winchester charge " "	93
"	6.	" " " Germantown " " "	11 61
"	10.	" " " E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	99 76
"	10.	" " " Germantown charge in Miami Classis	9 20
"	12.	" " " " " " "	10 00
"	12.	" " " Springboro " " "	8 53
"	15.	" " " Fairfield " " "	20 00
"	18.	" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	82 43
"	20.	" " " Port Jefferson charge in Miami Classis	14 30
June	18.	" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	10 00
"	18.	" " " Rev. E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	141 95
"	18.	" " " Beaver Creek charge in Miami Classis	9 90
Aug.	2.	" " " Mt. Zion congregation " "	7 25
"	2.	" " " Germantown charge " "	10 25
Sept.	21.	" " " I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis	38 46
"	24.	" " " Rev. J. H. Good, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	48 50
May	6.	" " " Farmersville charge in Miami Classis	21 53
		Total receipts	$674 10

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 13, 1886.

1886. CR.

April	10.	By cash for policy of insurance on Reformed Church, Lima, Ohio	$ 10 00
June	24.	" " paid E. M. Sandoe interest on note	60 00
"	24.	" " " Dietsch Brothers, bill on Lima Church	105 00
Aug.	24.	" " " G. W. Williard, balance due on his note	128 00
"	24.	" " " " " interest on college notes	172 00
"	24.	" " " for stationery and postage during the year	1 90
		Balance in hands of treasurer	197 20
			$674 10

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and, together with the reports of the said boards and of their treasurers, adopted; and the recommendation of the committee, in regard to $5,000 for home missions, and $2,000 for church erection, was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several classes. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

The papers referred to us are the reports of the President and Treasurer of Synod's Board of Missions, and the reports of the President and Treasurer of Synod's Board of Church Erection. These reports have been carefully examined by your committee.

The report of the Board of Missions is expressive of "hearty gratitude to the Great Head of the Church in view of the prosperity that has attended the work during the year, and the highly encouraging prospect for continued and increasing success." A brief statement concerning the fifteen missions under its care gives some idea of the work being done by this board. Yet the report clearly reveals the fact that the funds and means placed at their disposal are not adequate to the work that could and ought to be done, and some of the ground most promising and essential to the future of our church cannot be occupied.

The treasurer's report shows a falling off in receipts as compared with last year and that only about three-fifths of the apportionment have been paid. The board states that about $5,000 will be required to maintain the work now in hand; and also advises the election of a superintendent of missions.

We therefore recommend;

1. The apportionment of $5,000 among the classes to be used in prosecuting the work of this board.

2. The election of a missionary superintendent.

The reports of the Board of Church Erection are not so encouraging. The treasurer's report shows that he has received but $674.10 during the year, and that for the lack of funds the board has been able to do but little. While the report shows

a balance in hand of $197.20, the board has an indebtedness of $2,800. For some reason the members of synod seem to be indifferent to the interests of this Board. The board of Missions and Board of Church Erection are co-laborers in the same field and one cannot well succeed without the other. The working ability of the Board of Church Erection ought to be kept on equality with that of the Board of Missions. Perhaps a small minority of this body is aware that the most vital interests and largely the future of the Ohio Synod rests with these two boards. It is apparent to your committee that the required work is not being done under the present method of apportionments. The unwillingness of some and indifference of others make it necessary for the synod to devise some other method, by which to secure the necessary means for aggressive work in the church. The board calls the attention of synod again to the necessity of establishing a permanent Church Erection Fund.

Your committee recommends:

1. That $2,000 be apportioned among the classes to be applied on the interest bearing debt of the Board of Church Erection.

2. That this synod earnestly requests the classes to urge their delinquent congregations to pay promptly all the apportionments made for the Board of Church Erection.

3. That the treasurer of the Board of Church Erection be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of its members may incur in attending the meetings of the board.

4. That synod devote one evening during its next annual session to the discussion of the interests of the Board of Church Erection.

JEROME B. HENRY, *Chairman.*

On Saturday evening, as proposed in the report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services, the cause of Home Missions was taken under consideration. The opening address was delivered by Rev. S. B. Yockey, on the spirit of missions in our congregations, followed in an address by Rev. J. J. Leberman, on the helpfulness in the work of missions, succeeded by some general discussion. The meeting was characterized by attentive interest, and an excellent spirit of missions pervaded the audience. That which seemed specially

needed to secure a full measure of activity and success in the mission work, is increased consecration, more ministers fired with missionary zeal, and a larger amount of funds, with the attending favor and blessing of God.

III. ELECTION OF MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

In accordance with the recommendation, contained in the reports of the Board and of the Standing Committee on Missions, the synod in adopting said reports decided to elect a General Superintendent of Missions of the Ohio Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of the session immediately after the preparatory services on Saturday afternoon. At the appointed time, the synod, after a season of special prayer, led by Rev. John J. Leberman, proceeded with the election by ballot. Revs. Francis M. Shults and Isaac A. Sites were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, the Stated Clerk keeping the tally. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. Jerome B. Henry, by a decided majority, and, on motion, his election was declared unanimous by a rising vote of the synod.

Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be instructed to extend a call to him for a period of three years.

Resolved, That he be paid eight hundred dollars salary per year, and his necessary transportation.

In immediate connection with the adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Church Erection be hereby instructed to begin at this synod the creation of a fund to be known as the Progressive Church Erection Fund, all the money of which shall be used in the establishment of new missions at promising and prominent points.

Resolved, That the Board of Church Erection shall put forth special efforts, in such way as the board shall deem wise and expedient, to accumulate funds as rapidly as possible for the Progressive Church Erection Fund.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Church Erection is hereby instructed to open a list for this purpose at once.

A subscription was at once started with the members of synod, and in a short time $266.00 were subscribed for the object specified.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. John H. Bomberger, *President*, Columbiana, Ohio.
Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, *Secretary*, Canton, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. John J. Leberman. Rev. John M. Kendig.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Rev. Rufus C. Zartman.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Solomon Ream. Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jerome B. Henry. Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

VI. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 4 that an overture was received from representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society of Miami Classis on the subject of Women's organization for missionary work. This overture was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John J. Leberman, Isaac A. Sites and Elder Albert Cort. This committee, during the evening session on Thursday, submitted their report, which

was received and, after having been variously and earnestly discussed, was adopted. The report is as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the overture from the representatives Mrs. S. B. Yockey and Miss Sallie Leaman, of the Woman's Missionary Society of Miami Classis would respectfully present the following report:

The synod desires to express its gratification and most hearty appreciation of the missionary work, and operations in which the women of the church have engaged, and in the increased interest that is manifestly taken in the formation of Women's Missionary Societies throughout the Reformed Church. This synod recognizing the importance of having Women's Missionary Societies in all the congregations of our church would recommend:

That each pastor in the bounds of this synod be requested to preach a special sermon on the subject of "woman's work in the church," and that he in connection with the consistory co-operate in the formation of Women's Missionary Societies in the congregations.

That the officers of the different classes be appointed a committee by this synod to assist in the formation of Women's Classical Missionary Associations.

That the different women's missionary organizations, both of congregations and classes, be requested to send representatives to the next annual meeting of synod, for the purpose of presenting their claims, as also to organize a Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod.

That this synod fixes the Thursday evening during its next annual sessions as the time for the consideration of Women's Missionary Organizations in connection with the missionary work of the church.

That this synod hereby invites Mrs. S. B. Yockey to present this important subject before this synod at the time appointed.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

VII. THE CAUSE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 2 that a communication was received from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign

Missions through their Secretary, Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., asking for the Ohio Synod's co-operation and assistance in carrying forward the missionary work under the leading of Providence with success in Japan. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Frank Wetzel, John R. Skinner and Elder John W. Bishop. This committee, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the subjoined action.

WHEREAS, The secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions has given us a report of the good and efficient work done by our missionaries in Japan; and

WHEREAS, He has asked this synod for its prayers and support; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod heartily approves of the work being done by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That this synod rejoices to know that the missionaries are doing such efficient work, and by the blessing of God are succeeding so well in bringing souls to Christ.

Resolved, That this synod set apart Sunday evening for the special purpose of discussing the subject of Foreign Missions, and that Dr. G. W. Williard open the subject with a thirty minutes' address, to be followed with a fifteen minutes address by Rev. J. M. Kendig and Rev. D. B. Shuey, and general discussions.

Resolved, That this synod recommend that the pastors take up special collections during the holiday season for Foreign Missions, where they have not some plan of their own to accomplish this work.

FRANK WETZEL, *Chairman.*

The services recommended in the third resolution of the foregoing report, were observed on Sunday evening, proving interesting and profitable, and a collection of $22.33 was raised for Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following were received, referred, considered and afterwards adopted by the synod:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary met in the Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, November 13, A. D. 1885, for organization. The following officers were elected:

Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *President.*

Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer.*

Elder G. G. Prugh, *Secretary.*

Your board held four meetings during the year, at which the interests of the seminary were taken under consideration. At times there seemed to be new avenues opening up that gave promise of favorable results. These prospects were faithfully followed up and every agency available was utilized, but thus far nothing tangible we are sorry to say has been attained. The main object before us was to increase the endowment. The present endowment is inadequate—and unless additions are made to it the seminary will continue to be embarrassed. The collections for the immediate use are not commensurate with the demands upon the treasury. The result is anything but satisfactory to the board, honorable to the church—and discouraging to the faculty of the seminary. The professors have not been paid in full. Their salaries are small enough—indeed too small. It is becoming that they should be paid in full. A glance at the following statement will present a clear statement of the facts in the case. October 1st, 1886, the end of the current year, there was due on salary to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., $1,425.33, and Prof. H. Rust, D. D., $1,452.55, making a total indebtedness to the professors of $2,877.88. Much of this deficiency is owing to the fact that, notwithstanding the earnest and persistent efforts of the treasurer, a large proportion of interest on notes is not paid promptly, and only about two-fifths of the synodical apportionments for the immediate use of the seminary of 1882 and 1883 have been paid. This is shown by the tabular statement officially authorized and published in the Minutes of Synod in 1885, page 74. The facts in regard to these apportionments are as follows:

Apportionments in 1882,	$2,500 00,	and paid $865 75.
" " 1883,	1,000 00,	and paid 644 64.
	$3,500 00.	$1,510 64.

leaving a deficit unpaid of $1,989.36 now overdue to the sem-

		Amount brought forward	$1,128 85
April	5.	" J. I. Wolf, Tr. Xenia Reformed Church, for immediate use	8 65
"	22.	" Joseph S. White, Centerville, Ohio, interest on money borrowed,	212 00
"	27.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, " " " "	62 00
May	1.	" George Brendle, Tiffin, " " " "	80 00
"	8.	" Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on note	1 50
"	10.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note, Greenville Church	4 02
June	5.	" Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Dayton, Ohio, interest on money borrowed,	40 00
"	22.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Tr. Eastern Ohio Cl., int. on $1,000, app't 1885	99 08
July	29.	" J. I. Wolf, Xenia ch'ge, per Tr. Miami Cl., Theo. Sem., app't 1886,	8 29
Aug.	5.	" Fred Nusbaum, Apple Creek, Ohio, interest on note	2 40
"	18.	" Thomas L. Prugh, Dean, " " "	3 00
Sept.	10.	" Rev. E. R. Williard, Germantown chge, imme'te use, app't 1886,	11 25
"	10.	" Rev. E. D. Miller, Upper Sandusky, interest on note	6 00
"	13.	" Zion's (Elk Creek) cong., Butler, Co., O., imme'te use, app't 1886,	54
"	14.	" Alfred Sheirer, Dayton, Ohio, interest on money borrowed	40 00
"	16.	" Rev. J. B. Henry, Valley charge, immediate use, app't 1886	7 05
"	23.	" " " " " " " " " "	6 14
"	23.	" Jos. Copp, Tr. W. Alex. " " " " "	8 40
Oct.	4.	" Rev. F. M. Shults, Bremen, Ohio, collected for immediate use	4 00
"	4.	" Rev. Fred Mayer, Apple Creek, O., " " "	5 00
"	4.	" Rev. G. C. Gerlach, Liberty Center, O., " " "	2 12
"	4.	" Rev. J. D. Neff, Fostoria, Ohio, " " "	17 17
"	4.	" Rev. J. W. Rauch, Martinsburgh, W. Va., int. on note in full	2 70
"	4.	" Rev. J. L. Bretz, Canal Fulton, Ohio, " " "	3 00
"	4.	" Rev. S. Z. Beam, St. Petersburgh, Pa., " " "	3 00
"	4.	" Mrs. F. E. Beam, " " " " "	3 00
			$1,769 16

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Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 13, 1886.

By cash to Prof J. H. Good, D. D., on salary	$ 871 12
" " " Prof. Herman Rust, D. D., on salary	805 00
" " for refunding endowment paid in purchasing the Storms note	48 89
" " to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., for sundry expenses incurred	4 37
" " for recording three mortgages on loans	3 25
" " " printing catalogue of college and seminary in 1886	15 00
" " " " letter circulars and blank notes	3 75
" " " livery hire in making collections	4 00
" " " descriptive title of land on record, etc	1 00
" " " stationery, postage, exchange, and incidentals	12 78
	$1,769 16

ENDOWMENT FUND.

DR.

1885.			
Oct.	14.	To balance in treasury at last annual settlement	$ 447 54
"	30.	" cash from Rev. J. H. Hartman, Hanover, Pa., on note	20 00
Nov.	20.	" " " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis	50 00
Dec.	18.	" " " George W. Shearer, Dayton, Ohio, on note in part	300 00
"	31.	" " " Henry Leonard, Basil, Ohio, on Z. M. note in full	100 00
"	31.	" " " George W. Shearer, Dayton, Ohio, on note in full	300 00
1886.			
Jan.	6.	" " " Treas. Miami Cl., prin. on note, Greenville Church	19 57
"	19.	" " " " " " " " "	9 94
"	27.	" " " Rev. E. Bauman, E. Portland, Ore., Z. M. note in full,	50 00
		Carried forward	$1,297 05

				Amount brought forward	$1,297 05
Feb.	4.	"	"	" Farmer's' Friend Mf'g Co., Dayton, O., note in full	5,400 00
Mar.	8.	"	"	" Rev. A. E. Baichly, Farmersville, Ohio, on Z. M. note,	10 00
May	4.	"	"	" Treas. Miami Cl., prin. on note, Greenville Church	25 28
"	8.	"	"	" " " " " " "	13 99
"	10.	"	"	" " " " " " "	18 00
"	10.	"	"	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Cl., on $1,000, app't 1885,	45 35
"	10.	"	"	" Treas. Miami Cl., prin. on note, Greenville Church	54 33
"	10.	"	"	" " " " " " "	42 67
"	13.	"	"	" " " " " " "	28 48
"	13.	"	"	" " " " " " "	17 43
"	13.	"	"	" " " " " " "	58 41
June	9.	"	"	" Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Dayton, Ohio, on note in full	500 00
"	12.	"	"	" Treas. Miami Classis, on note of Greenville Church	27 79
July	15.	"	"	" " " " " " "	19 37
Aug.	13.	"	"	" " " " " " "	15 94
Oct.	4.	"	"	" Rev. J. W. Rauch, Martinsburgh, W. Va., note in full,	15 00
"	4.	"	"	" Rev. Fred Mayer, Apple Creek, O., con. for endow't,	5 00
"	12.	"		amount due the treasurer for money advanced	5 91
					$7,600 00

FUNDS INVESTED.

1885. CR.

Oct.	31.	By loan to Alfred Sheirer, on mortgage security			$ 500 00
Feb.	1.	" " " Abner Wilson,	"	"	5,000 00
Mar.	16.	" " " Levi House,	"	"	1,000 00
June	9.	" " " Miss Mary E. Davis,	"	"	800 00
Oct.	12.	" " " Mrs. Amelia Donson,	"	"	300 00
					$7,600 00

SALARY OF PROFESSORS.

The following brief statement exhibits the condition of the salary of the professors, both as to the amount due and paid, namely:

Balance due Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., October 1, 1885	$1,346 45	
Salary for the year ending October 1, 1886	950 00	
		$2,296 45
By cash during the year ending October 1, 1886		871 12
Balance due Prof. Good, October 1, 1886		$1,425 33
Balance due Prof. H. Rust, D. D., October 1, 1885	$1,307 55	
Salary for the year ending October 1, 1886	950 00	
		$2,257 55
By cash during the year ending October 1, 1886		805 00
Balance due Prof. Rust, October 1, 1886		$1,452 55

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education respectfully submit the following as their annual report:

The board was re-organized one year ago by re-electing

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., President; L. H. Kefauver, D. D., continuing Secretary and Treasurer. Two meetings were held during the year, and the Executive Committee held a number of meetings at intervening periods.

At the close of the last seminary year, the following students, after having stood an approved examination in the various branches of theology laid down in the seminary curriculum, were recommended for graduation, and regularly dismissed from the seminary, viz.: Alfred G. Berkey, Henry Dieckman, Frederick H. Keller, John A. Ketrow, G. H. Martinke, George E. Metger, Solomon W. Seeman, William E. Shaley, Jacob P. Stahl, and Augustus J. Toensmeier. The commencement exercises were held on the evening of the 12th of May last, in the presence of a large assembly of interested people, and were equal in merit to those of former years. B. F. Shults, L. E. Martin, A. Hocker, Charles B. Alspach, Charles E. Miller, Adolph J. Meyer, George A. Snyder, Edwin C. Hibschman, Joseph D. Peters, and William J. Gerlach were received as students into the seminary.

The professors are applying themselves diligently to the work assigned them, which has been made more pleasant than formerly by the comfortable rooms now occupied by the seminary in the new college building. The students generally are studious in their habits, as the examinations prove, and their teachers testify to their universal good moral character and diligence. The year was cut short again five weeks by the repeated action of synod last year, requiring the professors to visit the several classes during their annual sessions.

EDUCATION.

The board has under its care twenty-two beneficiary students, who are receiving aid to the amount of $2,200. Last year six of the beneficiaries graduated in the seminary, and are now serving the church, that aided them financially, in the ministry. The health of J. A. Kepner failed during the year, which made it necessary for him to quit his studies and abandon his cherished desire to enter the ministry. John Grether, a promising student, was also compelled to give up his studies by sickness, which proved fatal. He would have graduated in the seminary next summer, with fine prospects for usefulness in the gospel

At the beginning of the present seminary year the following young men made application to be received under the care of the board, and also asked for pecuniary assistance, viz.: William W. Troup, J. A. Patterson, Benjamin H. Roth, Joseph C. Smith, Albert H. Zechiel, M. J. Roth, Ellsworth Kunkle, Harry W. Knox, Clifford Cost, J. W. F. Belser, and Calvin Mueller. Upon the recommendation of pastors, consistories, and classes, these young men were received and aid promised them, and are now prosecuting their studies in the college and academy.

In order that the board may meet its financial obligations to the beneficiaries, the annual apportionment of synod ($2,000) for beneficiary education must be more fully and promptly raised than has been done in previous years. Less than two-thirds of the apportionmont made last year was paid into the treasury of the board. Had it not been for funds received from miscellaneous sources, the board would have been cumbered by a debt of not less than $500 at the close of the last year. The treasurer's report will show what classes are deficient and to what amount. Synod should call the attention of the delinquent classes to their deficiency, and request them to meet it. At least $400 more than was contributed last year to this good cause will be required the present year. The board does not ask for an increased apportionment, but more prompt payment than there has been previous years.

The following suggestions and resolutions were adopted by the Executive Committee of the board at its late meeting held September 30, 1886:

The board is glad to report that the number of pious and promising young men who feel a call to the ministry is increasing somewhat rapidly, and that therefore a call is upon the church for increased liberality in the beneficiary cause.

Your board recommends, as the result of their experience, the adoption of the following rules by the synod for the guidance of the board and the students, in order to set forth clearly what is now involved in some uncertainty:

1. All students who are assisted pecuniarily by the church must be under the care of some classis.

2. Those who are assisted by a particular classis are under the care of that classis, whether formal action has been taken

by that classis or not to receive them under its care. But if classis judges it best, it can dismiss them to another classis.

3. In the case of those who are assisted by the board, and do not come under Rule 2, it shall be the right of the board to decide as to the classis under whose care they shall be placed.

The board would express it as its opinion, which ought to be brought to the attention of the synod, the classes, and especially the pastors, that no student, as a rule, should receive the full appropriation until he enters the Sophomore Class of the college.

The time for which Revs. Orange E. Lake, H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Silas B. Mase, and John J. Leberman were elected as members of the board, expires at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

4. Report of Treasurer af Board of Education.

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer in account with Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

MIAMI CLASSIS.		
To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer		$ 212 74
TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.		
To cash from Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer		336 69
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer		350 71
TIFFIN CLASSIS.		
To cash from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Treasurer		128 00
ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.		
To cash from Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treasurer		100 00
E. OHIO CLASSIS.		
To cash from Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer		93 42
SHELBY CLASSIS.		
To cash from J. Runkel, Treasurer		3 24
MISCELLANEOUS.		
To cash from Whetstone charge, per Rev. J. F. Winter	$ 15 00	
" " " Prospect charge, per Rev. Philip Ruhl	10 00	
" " " Rev. J. A. Keller	25 00	
" " " Rev. Aug. Toensmeier	11 00	
Christmas offering by a friend	25 00	
Refunded in full by Prof. J. C. Shumaker	30 00	
" by Prof. S. Steffens	50 00	
" by Rev. N. F. Peters, in full	12 50	
Interest on S. Brinker legacy from permanent fund	56 00	
" " S. A. Hivling " " " "	84 00	
" " J. G. Lefler " " " "	250 00	
" " Carson legacy, per Dr. G. W. Williard	115 55	
		$ 684 05
Whole amount received from October 14, 1885 to October 13, 1886		$1,908 85
To loan of Tiffin National Bank for 60 days		150 00
		$2,058 85

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Balance due Treasurer October 14, 1885	$ 86	
By interest paid on loan	3 10	
By cash paid for postage and paper	2 63	
" " for printing	50	
		$ 7 09
" " paid Beneficiary Students		1,890 00
" " " Tiffin National Bank		150 00
" " on hand		11 76
		$2,058 85

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Bequest of Sarah Brinker	$ 800 00
" " S. A. Hivling	1,000 00
" " J. G. Lefler	3,500 00
To interest from Brinker bequest	56 00
" " " Hivling "	84 00
" " " Lefler "	250 00
" on temporary loan of Treasurer	8 00
	$5,698 00

CR.

By note of Rev. M. Mueller	$ 800 00
" Certificate of 20 shares of Columbus and Xenia Railroad Stock	1,000 00
" Note of C. C. Park	3,000 00
" " " Prof. C. M. Lowe	600 00
" Cash paid contingent fund from bequests	390 00
" Interest paid Treasurer on loan of $100	8 00
Due Treasurer $100	$5,798 00

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

5. Report of the Permanent Committee of Seminary.

The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, offers the following report:

As stated a year ago your committee held no meeting on account of expense involved. Neither was it very essential. All of the members fully understand the plan for securing the additional sum of $10,000, in order to place the Theological Seminary on a more satisfactory financial basis. Each classis is to assume its apportionment. The apportionment of this amount is to be made on each classis per capita of its membership, and the interest to be paid on the principal to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. Four of our classes assumed their apportionments, namely: St. Joseph Classis, $750; Lancaster Classis, $1,500; Tiffin Classis, $1,050, and Miami Classis assumed the interest on its apportionment, $2,500 for this year.

During the year our professors visited as many of our classes as they could, and efforts are being made by the pastors throughout our bounds to impress pious young men to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry.

If the classes heartily fall in with the proposed plan the Board of the Seminary will soon be in a condition to take an advanced step to increase the teaching force of the institution.

We would recommend the following:

That the classes that have not assumed their apportionments be urged to do so at their next annual meeting if possible.

Resolved, That Shelby, Northern Illinois, Kansas and Iowa Classes be excused from assuming their pro rata share.

Resolved, That the Professors of the Theological Seminary be requested to visit as many of the classes at their next annual meetings as they possibly can.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary of last year was continued, and consists of the following members, namely:

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Tiffin Classis.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Miami Classis.
Rev. George H. Leonard, Lancaster Classis.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, Tuscarawas Classis.
Rev. John M. Kendig, Eastern Ohio Classis.
Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Northern Illinois Classis.
Rev. John H. Buser, Iowa Classis.
Rev. John R. Skinner, St. Joseph Classis.
Rev. George W. Remagen, Kansas Classis.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education during the morning session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary and Beneficiary Education would respectfully report as follows:

We have carefully examined the reports of the Board of

Education and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, together with the reports of their treasurers, and would recommend the following for adoption:

1. That the sum of $2,000.00 be apportioned among the classes for beneficiary education; and the classes be earnestly requested to make provision to raise said amount in full.

2. We recommend that rule 1, 2 and 3 of the report of the Board of Education concerning the relation of beneficiary students to classes be adopted.

3. Your committee fails to see the force of the board's request, viz: That students for the ministry should not receive the full appropriation until they reach the Sophomore Class, but recommend it to begin with the Freshman Class.

4. The board complains of the want of funds to pay the salaries of the professors. To remedy this your committee would respectfully urge all who have given notes toward the endowment of the seminary to pay the interest promptly, and further, that the classes, not excused, at once pay their assessments for the immediate use of the seminary.

5. That the classes which have not already done so, at once assume their share of the proposed $10,000 endowment.

6. The board complains that the college has been receiving more attention through the church papers than the seminary. This, we are persuaded, is not the fault of our periodicals, but because our ministers have allowed the interests of the seminary to lag. We hope they will interest themselves more fully, in the prosperity of the seminary. We have heard with pleasure of two prospective donations amounting to $21,000 for the use of the seminary.

7. The Board of Education reports that the seminary was closed five weeks in order to enable the professors to obey the repeated action of synod to visit the classes. Your committee ventured to express the opinion that such action is not necessarily involved in synod's instruction, inasmuch as it does not require five weeks to visit the classes, and synod requests that the seminary be not closed.

8. Finally we call the attention of the synod to the following vacancies:

Trustees of Seminary.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D. and H. M. Herman, D. D.

Board of Education.—Revs. O. E. Lake, H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., S. B. Mase and J. J. Leberman.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC A. SITES, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. Board of Trustees.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horace Ankeney.

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2. Board of Education.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. Michael Loucks. Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Reuben Good.
Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D. Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Rev. Isaac A. Sites.
Rev. John J. Leberman. Mr. John Keller.

IV. RELATION OF THE TWO SEMINARY BOARDS.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 5 that a committee had been appointed by the last synod, who were to report to this synod as to "what are and should be the respective relations, functions and duties" of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Education. Said committee consists of Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Amos Casselman, William H. Shults, and Elders Horace Ankeney and Robert M. Kinney. This committee, in accordance with

their appointment, submitted their report during the afternoon session on Thursday, and it was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee appointed to report what are and what should be the respective relations, functions and duties of the two Boards of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to report as follows:

Practically these two boards have been counter-parts and complements to each other in the oversight and advancement of the varied interests of the Theological Seminary, so far as this can be accomplished through synodical boards. We are convinced by the experience of these two boards in their operations for years past, as well as by the principles that seem to be reasonably and naturally involved in their very existence and constitution, that each board has a legitimate and useful sphere of activity and influence, but the necessity of an explicit definition of their respective relations, functions and duties to the Theological Seminary itself and to each other is clearly recognized, and we believe that each board will be able to serve synod more satisfactorily to all concerned, if it knows more definitely just what synod expects and desires it to do.

1. *The Board of Trustees.* By a careful study of the annual reports of this board for well-nigh fifteen years past, your committee finds that the thoughts, time and efforts of this board have been given almost exclusively to matters of *finance* in connection with the Theological Seminary. As the board itself stated to synod in 1884, "the all-absorbing topic," at its meetings, has been "finance," and, in its report to synod in 1885, the board speaks of itself as "a financial committee in its present limited sphere of work." Surely this synod means that the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary is to be more than simply a financial committee. The Reformed Church of the Ohio Synod itself is mostly to blame for the almost exclusive attention, which the Board of Trustees has given to the finances of the Theological Seminary, because sufficient funds have not been furnished with which to carry on the Theological Seminary successfully, and the board has therefore been forced by the pressing financial necessities of the case to devote itself to devising ways by which sufficient funds might, if possible, be provided for the

immediate use of the seminary, and its full endowment probably secured. And yet without attaching any blame to the board in its operations, it is to be regretted that it has allowed its sphere of work to be so limited and circumscribed. There are other interests of the Theological Seminary properly coming within the jurisdiction of this board that are of vital importance to the permanent prosperity of the institution, and, also to the welfare of the Reformed Church. All the interests of the Theological Seminary, if wisely and efficiently managed, will be mutually helpful and productive of blessed results. Your committee believes that the following important interests legitimately belong to the functions of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary: 1. The oversight of the character, conduct and teaching of the professors, their work and influence in the institution of learning at Tiffin, Ohio, and their relation to the general interests of the Reformed Church within the bounds of the Ohio Synod. 2. The discipline to be exercised over the theological students and their relations to their professors. 3. The increase of the number of students for the Gospel Ministry, and the devising and suggesting of means by which this desirable result can be accomplished. 4. The permanent endowment of the seminary, how best to secure it, and the safe and judicious investment and successful management by the board of all the endowment funds obtained. 5. The holding in trust of all property for the use or benefit of the seminary, and the preservation and improvement of said property. 6. The devising and suggesting of means and plans, when necessary, whereby funds may be provided for the immediate use of the seminary. 7. To exercise careful oversight of the course of study in respect to its length and fullness, its different branches and the general character of the text-books used. 8. To temporarily fill any vacancy in the teaching force of the seminary that may be occasioned by the death, absence, resignation or suspension of any professor. 9. To have charge of all the necessary arrangements in regard to the graduation of such students as shall have completed the regular course of theological study. 10. To have at least one member of this board present at the annual examinations and the commencement of the Theological Seminary, who shall in due season [illegible]it a report to the board of said examination and com-

mencement, and offer such suggestions in reference to the interests of the seminary, legitimately within the scope of the authority and supervision of this board.

2. *The Board of Education.* The very name of this board is expressive of much of its true function. It is the Board of Education and also the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary. To it is committed especially the cause of beneficiary education, which is so closely and vitally related to the supreme welfare of the Reformed Church. It is also through this board that synod expects to receive most of its information in reference to the internal operations and the practical work and condition of the seminary. To the Board of Education belongs: 1. The examination of all applicants for admission into the seminary as students. 2. The oversight of all the students in the seminary and the beneficiary students in the college, as to their progress in theological studies, their moral character and their religious habits. 3. The supervising of all the seminary examinations. 4. The honorable dismissal to the respective classes of such students as have completed the full theological course of study and graduated regularly. 5. To devise and suggest means for securing sufficient funds for the cause of beneficiary education, to act as the custodian of all bequests and legacies in befalf of this cause, and to receive and pay out all money to beneficiaries according to the prescribed rules and constitution of this board. 6. To receive the resignation of any of the professors, who may wish, at any time, to sever his connection with the seminary and communicate the same to synod. 7. To inform the different classes regularly as to the standing, conduct, habits and scholarship of the students under the care of these classes respectively.

It is the duty of each board to faithfully discharge its legitimate functions as defined above; to communicate with the professors of the seminary often in regard to the best interests of the institution, and especially to require a written report from them at the close of each seminary year; to submit an annual written report to synod; and to confer with each other as much as possible, so that they may be thoroughly satisfied in regard to the condition and operations of the seminary; and these two boards shall do all in their power to mutually

advance the interests of the Theological Seminary of this synod.

Any previous synodical action that conflicts with the foregoing definition of the respective relations, functions and duties of the two boards of the seminary is hereby revoked.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN R. WILLIARD,
AMOS CASSELMAN,
WILLIAM H. SHULTS,
HORACE ANKENEY,
Committee.

ARTICLE XV.
HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received, referred, considered, and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

Thanking the synod for the support and patronage it has given the college in the past, the Board of Trustees hereby presents its annual report, in the hope that the college may, by its continued and increased usefulness, render itself worthy of and receive the same sympathy and good will of the synod in the future as it has heretofore enjoyed. To be true to the trust committed to its care, the Board of Trustees had two meetings during the year, at which all matters pertaining to the interest of the college were duly considered and provided for as fully as the means at hand would allow.

The past year has been one of more than usual interest, and will ever be memorable in the history of the college, it being the year in which the new building was finished and dedicated with appropriate services to the interests of science and religion. This important event took place on the 16th of June, 1886, in connection with the annual commencement, in the presence of an unusually large concourse of people, who came with glad hearts to participate in the festivities of the occasion. We feel sure we do but express the general sentiment of all who were present when we say they were greatly delighted with what they saw and heard, and went away with the conviction that the new building is a credit and honor to

the church, and that with it the college entered upon a new era of extended usefulness and prosperity. That they were not mistaken in their belief, is apparent from the fact that we now have in the several departments of the college and seminary 182 students in active attendance, the largest number ever present at one time in the history of the college, for which we should be devoutly thankful to God, and be encouraged to renewed efforts in our educational work.

With the completion of the new college building, corresponding improvements had to be made in the curriculum and teaching-force so as to meet the expectations of its friends and patrons. The course of study has therefore been revised and enlarged, and the academy placed under the care of a principal, who is to devote his whole time to it so as to give it a broader scope than it has thus far had of being a mere preparatory department of the college, which will, as might be expected, add to the current expenses of the college, and so make an increase of the endowment fund an absolute necessity.

To make adequate provision for the necessary teaching force, the board elected Prof. E. J. Shives, a man of considerable experience, to the principalship of the academy, and Rev. E. R. Williard, A. M., a member of this synod, to the professorship of Latin, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. C. M. Lowe. The former accepted the position tendered him, and entered upon his work at the beginning of the fall term with gratifying results, while the latter, for special reasons, still has his call under consideration, provision having been made in the meantime for the chair by the temporary appointment of Prof. Sonnedecker.

A Conservatory of Music was also inaugurated at the beginning of the present college year, under Professors Griffith and Adams, men eminently qualified for their position and well calculated to make it a success. The attendance of students in this department is larger than was anticipated, there being up to this time over thirty admissions, from which we may infer that the action of the board was a wise one, and that it was a movement in the right direction. The board would hereby call the attention of the synod to this new department, in the hope that it may receive the patronage necessary to make it a success.

Seeing how many of our young people who do not wish to take a regular college course go to the normal and business schools of the day, the board contemplates, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made and its means will allow, to provide for this want, and so afford all the educational facilities which the times demand.

Such an enlargement of our work as we have just referred to has, as might be expected, involved the board in some financial embarrassment. An earnest effort was made to dedicate the new college building free of debt, but the amount required was more than we could possibly meet. As it was. our people did nobly, having raised over $40,000, which only left about $5,000 unprovided for at the time of the dedication over and above the subscription still unpaid. As the building, however, had to be furnished and heated, the latter of which, when completed, will cost about $6,000, we still need $12,000 to pay the entire cost of the building furnished and fitted up for use.

This is, without doubt, a large sum to raise in these times of financial embarrassment, especially as all the well established charges of the synod have been canvassed. Some have also given so liberally that we almost hesitate to ask them to give again. And yet the necessity is upon us, as the debt must be paid, as it is not possible for us to carry it and pay interest thereon without seriously embarrassing the college in its work, so that the only wise course for us to pursue is to make an immediate and earnest effort to provide for it. To do this with as little interference as possible with the general work of the church, the board has adopted the plan of taking subscriptions, and allowing those who may need it to give their obligation payable within three years, with interest so that the debt may not increase. A good beginning has been made, and it is believed that if the friends of the college and of the church will unite in one more earnest effort, the amount, large as it is, can be raised, as it will in this way be distributed amongst so many that the burden will not fall heavy upon any one, a result earnestly to be desired.

As the debt ought to be provided for without delay, and it is not possible for those who have the matter in hand to visit all the pastoral charges within the synod, it might be well if

our ministers, with a few friends of the college, would undertake to raise the amount required of their congregations, and so help the work along. It is certainly asking too much of the president to leave his work in the college and devote most of his time to the finances, when a little effort on the part of others might often relieve him. To this end it might be well if the synod would appoint a day when each minister would be expected to lay the claims of the college before his people, so that all may have an opportunity to give and bear their part of the burden.

The college is too intimately associated with the work of the church to be crippled in its operation for the want of a few thousand dollars. For the synod to allow this would be to incur the displeasure of God and to prove itself recreant to the trust committed to its care, so that the only thing for us to do is to give ourselves to the work before us with untiring zeal, and not relax our efforts until the entire debt is provided for and the college is put on the highway of success and prosperity. So may it be.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the board.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD,
President Heidelberg College.

ISAAC. H. REITER,
President Board of Trustees.

2. Report of the Financial Agent.

This being my twenty-ninth annual report, I am glad to say that I can repeat what I said last year; that is, I have enjoyed a year of bodily good health. As to my success, I can say again, it was a year of "working over old territory." Many of the old patrons and friends of our Tiffin institutions were willing to give again, although Rev. Dr. Williard and myself have so frequently canvassed the same territory. Then I am gratified to say that we find our people generally well pleased, since they can see and hear for themselves what a fine and substantial new building has been erected.

It is now earnestly hoped that the friends of our institutions will send in the needed amount to pay the debt yet resting on the building. We have many able and good men and women in the church who are able, if they can only think so, who

could give a thousand dollars; if not able to give that much, give one hundred or three hundred dollars.

I have one more kind request to delinquents, and that is, please pay up your old indebtedness. If you cannot pay the principal now, then be sure to pay the interest immediately.

I traveled, during the year, five thousand and ninety-six miles (5,096). Total number of miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, one hundred and seven thousand, seven hundred and thirty-eight miles (107,738).

HENRY LEONARD, *Financial Agent, in account with Heidelberg College, from October 1, 1885, to October 1, 1886.*

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Received subscriptions for brick and general building fund, as recorded in Book A, from item 2,052 to 2,218, inclusive	$ 973 00
"New series notes," subscription from No. 77 to No. 80	650 00
Corner-stone subscriptions and on hand and unpaid from last year	76 00
Collection on old endowment, mostly interest	920 38
Interest on "new series" notes	97 50
Obtained 92 names, for $10 each, "dedication subscriptions"	920 00
Received for lectures and commission on papers, etc	113 76
	$3,750 64
Balance due the agent	25 74
	$3,776 38

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Am't of "new series" notes handed over to Treasurer, Dr. Williard		$ 650 00	
Collected on "old corner-stone subscriptions"	$58 00		
On hand the unpaid list of	18 00		
		76 00	
Collections of old interest paid over		920 38	
"New series" interest paid over		97 50	
Traveling expenses		100 38	
Postage		20 00	
Livery hire		6 00	
Paid for printing		13 12	
Paid cash for dedication subscriptions	$670 00		
Twenty-five names, of $10 each, unpaid	250 00		
		920 00	
General building subscription, Book A		973 00	
			$3,776 38

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College, during the morning session on Thursday, presented their report, which was received, and, together with those of the Board of Trustees and of the financial agent, adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Two papers were placed in the hands of the committee, viz.: the reports of the Board of Trustees and the financial agent.

From these papers we learn with great pleasure that the college has had an unusually prosperous and profitable year. Many advances and improvements have been made in the way of accommodations and in the course of study. The new college building was completed and dedicated in June last with a debt of only $5,000, which to the whole church was a source of great surprise. The building itself is a marvel to all, and a thing of beauty and a matter of laudable pride to the Reformed Church. The debt still remaining at the dedication, and that incurred in furnishing and heating, calls for the exertion and contributions of every member of the Reformed Church in the Ohio Synod.

This synod cannot look on the progress and growth of our educational interests without devout gratitude to Almighty God for his blessing. It feels especially grateful for the interest manifested by the board and faculty of the college in adding to and improving the course of study and providing competent teaching-force, thus increasing the facilities for a liberal education to the church.

In view of the above, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this synod regards the establishment of a Conservatory of Music in connection with Heidelberg College an advance in the right direction, and commends it to the attention of the church and the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That the ministers and members of the church in the Ohio Synod use every possible effort, during the year, to raise the amount of the debt on the college, and that the suggestion of the board, that a day be appointed by the synod when each minister shall be expected to lay the claims of the college before his congregations, be recommended.

Resolved, That the ministers of the synod be hereby requested to aid the Financial Agent, H. Leonard, in collecting delinquent claims.

Resloved, That we express our gratification at the election of Prof. E. J. Shives to the principalship of the academy, and Rev. E. R. Williard to the professorship of Latin in the college, and assure them of the confidence and approval of synod.

Resolved, That we again return our thanks to President Williard and Financial Agent H. Leonard for their earnest work in behalf of the college during the year.

Respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

——————————, *Secretary*, ——————————

Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Mr. John Keller.
Rev. William A. Hale.
Rev. John J. Leberman.
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.
J. Philip Shilling, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Upton F. Cramer, Esq.
George P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.
Mr. Rezzin W. Shawhan.
Mr. Henry H. Eavey.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.
Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Mr. Henry Leonard.
Hon. R. L. Sharp.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That this synod requests and urges its pastors to preach on Christian education, or a kindred topic, on the first Sunday, or any other Sunday, in the month of February, 1887, and take up a collection for the benefit of our colleges.

Resolved, That it would be gratifying to the synod if Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., would prepare a tract, bearing on the work of Heidelberg College, for distribution among our people for information.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

There was no business transacted that required record here.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

As we come up from the Sunday-school work of the past year within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, it behooves us to give hearty thanks unto God and lift up the voice of grateful praise. The glad tidings, which we rejoice to bring before synod in our report, that considerably more than a thousand members of our Sunday-school have made a profession of religion during the past year, are sufficient to thrill every heart with thankful joy. There is also no department of the church that enlists so many of her workers as the Sunday-school, and here we learn experimentally the great lesson, that the best way to get good is to do good in the name and spirit of Christ.

Your board organized by electing Rev. E. R. Williard President and Rev. A. E. Baichly, Secretary. Three regular meetings have been held during the year, and much hard work done in behalf of the Sunday-school interests of this synod.

1. Conventions.

As far as your board has been able to learn from official and private sources, all the classes within the bounds of synod, except Kansas Classis, have held regular conventions during the year. Now that Kansas Classis has received many additions to the ranks of the ministry, and is the only classis in the whole synod without a Sunday-school convention, it is to be hoped that she will at once proceed to the organization of her Sunday-schools into a regular classical association.

The programme of the conventions of Lancaster, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph Classes, and also of the Southern Division of Miami Classis accompany this report to synod. A mere glance at these programmes will show how largely the spiritual and intellectual aims of the Sunday-school have been discussed and emphasized. The missionary and benev-

olent work of the Sunday-school has also received special consideration, and the agitation of this subject is doing much good to the Sunday-schools themselves, as well as to the various benevolent operations of the church. The Sunday-schools of this synod are to be credited with at least one-sixth of all the funds now raised for benevolence within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, and some of our Sunday-schools give one-half of all their collections to benevolent purposes. We regret to say that, with the praiseworthy exceptions of Rev. J. R. Skinner, President of the Sunday-school convention of St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. Ihle, of Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. P. Stahl, of Lancaster Classis and Rev. Joshua Wolbach, of Northern Illinois Classis, the officers of all the classical Sunday-school conventions neglected to furnish your board with the report called for by synod's instructions on page 69, Minutes of 1884. It is to be deplored that there is not this direct communication between the different classes and the synodical Sunday-school board as to the general condition, efficiency, wants and prospects of the Sunday-schools within the bounds of this synod.

2. Statistical Report from the Classes.

It affords us great pleasure to come before this synod and say that, for the first time in the history of our Sunday-school work, we have pretty full official statistical reports from all the classes. We appreciate most profoundly the labor and pains, which most of the stated clerks of the classes have spent in the preparation of these reports. In some cases it would almost seem to demand the forbearance of an angel and the patience of a veritable saint to endure the tardiness, the indifference, the carelessness, and we might almost say the unwillingness of some brethern in reference to this matter of furnishing respectable and intelligent reports to their respective stated clerks. Some of the classes surely are not credited with the full strength, efficiency and results of their Sunday-schools, notably the classes of Miami, Northern Illinois and Kansas. Every pastor, every Sunday-school superintendent, every stated clerk, and every classis ought to feel that these reports go to make up the history of our work from year to year, and hence should take a commendable pride in having them as complete and exact as possible.

The figures of the accompanying statistical report are very suggestive and expressive in a general way of the real condition of the Sunday-schools of synod and what work they are doing in the name of Christ. In view of the fact that they are of much value for present and future reference, we recommend that the accompanying general summary be embodied in the published minutes.

Strange as it may seem, some of the classes still adhere to the old custom of gathering their statistical reports at their conventions. This is wrong for various reasons; 1. Synod has ordered that these reports be made and received at the annual meetings of the classes, and *not* at the conventions. 2. It consumes valuable time in the conventions, that ought to be spent in the earnest discussion of practical Sunday-school topics. 3. It is a breach in that uniformity, which should and must exist in our methods of work, if we, as a church, are ever to have our work and business properly systematized. 4. Such reports are always sure to be imperfect and incomplete, as the conventions are never as largely attended, nor can they devote as much time and care to such business as the annual meetings of the classes.

3. Children's Day.

This is no longer a novel feature, nor even an experiment in our Sunday-school work. Our experience in the second annual observance of Children's Day proves that the action of this synod in 1884, establishing this beautiful and significant festival at the recommendation of your Sunday-school board, was more far reaching, providential and fortunate than we could then suppose it to be. We can now see what an auspicious and golden time it was for the establishment of Children's Day in the Reformed Church. Three other synods have followed in the wake of this synod, and shared with us this year the joy of such a delightful annual children's festival. From the best information that your board has, we believe that at least $3,000.00 have been raised for the various objects of benevolence on children's day of 1886 in the four English Synods. We have reason to believe that $1,500.00 were contributed for benevolent purposes within the bounds of this synod alone on our children's day.

In accordance with the request of synod, your board again

prepared a "service for Children's Day." The publication of this was assumed by the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. A copy of this printed service accompanies our report. We are glad to say that it met with a large and ready sale, 20,000 copies having been issued in various editions and sent out for use in the church. The board is under many obligations to Rev. J. J. Excell of Reedsburg, Ohio, for music, that he kindly furnished, and to Mrs. J. H. Good, of Tiffin, Ohio, Rev. W. H. Shults, of Springboro, Ohio, and Miss Helen Kern, of Germantown, Ohio, for poems, which they contributed.

It may be proper to say that we kindly invited the Sunday-school boards of the Pittsburg and the Potomac Synods to join us in the preparation of a children's day service, inasmuch as their day came in the same month as ours. While neither board deemed it prudent to prepare a "service" of its own, nor to join with the board of any other synod in the preparation of a joint-service, we are glad to say that they cheerfully commended our "service" as well as that published by the Reformed Publication Board at Philadelphia, Pa., and both "services" were extensively used in both synods.

4. The Sunday-school and the Church.

If the Sunday-school *is* a legitimate and natural part of the church, as we believe, and as this synod has repeatedly affirmed, then the Sunday-school surely ought to be brought more fully and really under the control and supervision of the church. The entire consistory, especially the eldership, ought to be regularly and heartily identified with the Sunday-school, so that they, as well as the pastor, may be intelligently and experimentally satisfied with its teachings, its general spirit, its legitimate influences and tendencies, its services and its management. The very least that the consistory of the church ought to be allowed to do in reference to the Sunday-school, is that the consistory should nominate the candidates for the various offices in the Sunday-school, and that the appointment of teachers for the Sunday-school should be subject to the approval or disapproval of the consistory as such. Your board suggests to this synod the propriety of giving a deliverance upon this subject, and then referring it for further consideration to the several classes with instructions to take such

action as they may deem necessary. Grave and serious evils are to be apprehended, if the Sunday-school and the church are not brought into more vital union, and if the Sunday-school is not placed under the control of the official head of the congregation, which is the consistory.

5. Services for Sunday-school Festivals.

The remarkable success, which has attended the preparation of the two annual printed services for Children's Day, indicates that such exercises supply a felt want in the proper observance of the Sunday-school festival occasions of the year. Not only is it a great convenience to the Sunday-schools to have these printed services, which are now issued by the two English Publication Houses of our church, but it affords us the opportunity to have some churchly uniformity and some delightful harmony in our celebration of these festival days. It is for this reason that the practice of a few of our Sunday-schools in substituting other printed services for children's day, or other exercises in place of those officially authorized by synod, or published by either one of our two English Publication Houses, is to be severely condemned. Synod, however, can afford such a breach in this churchly uniformity, which is so desirable and important in the observance of these Sunday-school Festivals, better than the Sunday-schools and congregations themselves can afford such extreme individualism and diversity in service and worship.

The question arises whether it would not be well to provide printed services for Christmas and Easter, similar in many respects to those which have been issued for Children's Day. Your board is prepared to say that, if synod should deem it wise to give instructions to this effect, we can arrange for their publication without involving synod in any financial responsibility. It is a question, that may well claim our thoughtful, prayerful consideration, and your board will await instructions.

We recommend the following:

1. Requests from synod to the classes:

a. All the classes are hereby instructed to inquire whether their stated clerks are using the official blanks for Sunday-school statistical reports, both as to their regular distribution annually to all pastors and vacant charges, and in the annual

Sunday-school statistical report of the stated clerks to synod's board.

b. All the classes are requested to urge upon pastors and Sunday-schools the importance of teachers' meetings, or at least the formation of a teachers' league in each school, whereby to secure the weekly study of the lesson on the same evening of each week by the teachers at their homes, if it seems impossible to maintain a regular teachers' meeting.

c. Kansas Classis is instructed to ascertain why its pastors fail to give complete and satisfactory reports to its stated clerk.

d. The attention of Northern Illinois Classis is called to the action of synod in reference to reporting "Union Sunday-schools," see minutes of 1885, page 59.

2. Synod again insists upon the classes gathering their Sunday-school statistical reports, not at their conventions, but, in connection with the parochial reports at the regular annual meetings of the classes, see minutes of 1884, page 68.

3. Synod requests all the classical Sunday-school conventions to inquire from year to year whether their officers have furnished the general report to the Sunday-school board in reference to the condition of the Sunday-schools within the bounds of the convention, with suggestions, etc. (see minutes of 1884, page 69). The Secretary of the Sunday-school Board is hereby authorized to transmit yearly a copy of this action, with all needful explanations, to each classical Sunday-school convention in this synod.

The attention of synod is respectfully called to the fact that the terms of the following members of the board expire at this session of synod; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., and Rev. E. R. Williard.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with that of the board, adopted:

The only paper coming into our hands was the report of the Sunday-school Board, from which we glean much that is en-

couraging relative to our Sunday-school work. This report presents the success and failures in the work in a clear and concise manner, and we deem it unnecessary to enlarge upon it; therefore refer you to the report itself for the facts relative to this department of our church work.

As suggested by the report of the board and based upon it, we recommend the following for your adoption:

1. That the general statistical summary, as prepared by the board, be published in the minutes of synod.

2. That in the judgment of this synod the relation between the church and the Sunday-school is so organic that the welfare of each demands that the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school be selected by the consistory, or at the very least appointed subject to their approval.

3. That the attention of the several classes be called to this deliverance, with instructions to provide for its practical enforcement.

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III. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE OHIO SYNOD, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S. 1886.

CLASSES.	STATED CLERKS	No. of Schools	No. of Months held	Total No. of Scholars	Average Attendance of Scholars	No. of Scholars over 20 years of age	Officers and Teachers Baptized	Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment of Schools	No. of Scholars Professing Religion during the year	No. of Volumes in Library	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week	Collections for use of Schools	Collections for Benevolent Purposes	Average Adult Teachers		Average Adult Scholars	
															Yes	No	Yes	No.
Miami	H. M. Herman, D. D.	30	10 11 12	2,688	2,481	802	507	421	4,606	600	728	2,928	$1,476 00	$1000 00	14	16	6	17
Lancaster	G. H. Leonard	24	10 1 2	1,918	1,000	750	220	172	2,187	126	200	1,018	456 46	495 00	9	98	9	90
Tuscarawas	R. C. Zartman	44	11 1 2	3,678	2,264	1,080	480	364	4,000	202	2,800	1,980	1,180 00	872 00	7	100	19	26
Tiffin	J. H. Good, D. D.	22	11 8 11	1,640	808	361	219	124	1,966	41	511	967	748 78	124 04	7	4	5	8
Eastern Ohio	R. B. Reichard	22	10	2,112	1,401	567	260	161	2,959	100	800	1,110	441 00	249 00	4	18	5	17
Northern Ill.	Joshua Wolbach	11	12	367	286	156	50	38	369	29	500	185	82 00	7 00		11		11
Iowa	D. S. Fouse	16	10 3-4	879	636	277	155	229	1,034	94	900	707	269 00	48 00	2	14	12	4
St. Joseph	J. R. Skinner	27	10	1,019	1,326	691	298	231	2,186	148	646	980	725 18	99 69	8	19	1	26
Kansas	G. W. Remagen	13	12	780	120	71	21		751	5	155	135	73 00	9 00	1	2		3
		215	10 11-12	16,907	10,504	4,866	2,278	1,620	18,914	1,042	6,828	9,425	$5,455 39	$1,728 00	45	180	48	128

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7. That we hereby tender the board our sincere thanks for their earnest efforts toward the development of this department of our church work.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS CASSELMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during Thursday afternoon session, reported, in Item 12, that the Ohio Synod requested Miami Classis to review the Smith appeal case; and, in Item 13, that the appointment of counsel to defend the Ohio Synod before the General Synod was deferred until this meeting of Synod. These items were laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes shall report.

During the afternoon session on Friday, the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported, in Item 14, that Miami Classis declined to review the Smith appeal case, giving its reasons for so doing, and continuing Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter, D. R. Taylor, and J. B. Henry as its counsel to defend its action before the General Synod.

Then items 12 and 13 in the Report on Synodical Minutes, and Item 7 in the Report on Overtures, were taken up, and considered in connection with Item 14 in the Report on Minutes of Classes. These items were adopted, and then, after some discussion, the following action was adopted, namely:

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure that all difficulties between Rev. G. W. H. Smith and the Cæsar Creek charge have been fully adjusted, and, therefore, synod respectfully requests Miami Classis to reconsider its action taking an appeal from the action of this synod with reference to this question to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; but that this synod at this meeting appoint attorneys to defend this synod before the General Synod, in case that Miami Classis refuses to withdraw its appeal.

The counsel appointed to defend the Ohio Synod before the General Synod, in said appeal case, consists of Revs. Dr. George W. Williard, Samuel B. Yockey, and John M. Kendig.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horace Ankeney.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during Thursday afternoon session, in Item 15, referred to the fraternal relations existing between the Central Synod and the Ohio Synod, and the appointment of a delegate by this synod to the Central Synod. Thereupon the said delegate presented his report, which was received and adopted:

Your delegate to the Central Synod would respectfully report that he attended the meeting of the Central Synod in Vermillion, Ohio, in October, 1885; that he was kindly received, and laid the action of this synod with reference to an interchange of delegates before the Central Synod, which was cheerfully agreed to. His expenses in attending said meeting were $1.25.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in Item 3, that a letter of greeting was received from Rev. Joseph A. Keller, delegate from the Central Synod, in behalf of said synod, and expressing regret that he could not greet this synod in person.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this synod regrets that the delegate from the Central Synod could not meet with us, and rejoices in the success of the work of the church in said synod, and would hereby order the publication of the letter of the delegate in the minutes of our synod.

The letter of the delegate, in accordance with the action of synod, is here given in full:

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, meeting at Cedarville, Illinois, October 13, 1886:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—In response to your action requesting an exchange of delegates, and to the friendly greetings of your delegate, the Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., the Central Synod, in its sessions at Vermillion, Ohio, "resolved to comply with the request of the Ohio Synod" (Minutes, page 18), and elected the undersigned, delegate *primarius*, and the Rev. F. Strassner, delegate *secundus*, to the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod in 1886.

We deeply regret that neither delegate is permitted to appear in person before your body, and share in your labors and devotions. The Central Synod recognizes the fact that its relations to the Ohio Synod are so close and varied that friendly relations should be diligently cultivated in order to the greater success in our common work of extending and building up our beloved Reformed Church.

The difference of language separates us only in part, and the transition in progress in all parts of our territory steadily diminishes that difference. We not only touch each other in our membership occupying the same territory, and churches standing side by side, as it were; but also in our educational and benevolent operations. It is gratifying that our schools and orphan homes are directed more than ever to meet the wants of the whole church, and thus indicate that the unity of the church is growing stronger continually.

We rejoice in the success of the Ohio Synod in its work, and wish it "God speed" for the future. The Central Synod is also endeavoring to do its part in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. In benevolent and educational work, the Central and the Northwest Synod operate through joint boards. The joint Board of Missions has thirty (30) missions under its care, for whose aid about $5,000 were dispensed during the last year reported.

Our church erection work has been kept well in hand, and is making slow but encouraging progress. The new Orphans' Home at Ft. Wayne has been established and sustained with marked [illegible] of our people. During the year recently

closed, $2,000 of the indebtedness was paid. The present amount of the debt is about $5,000. Forty orphans are now sharing the benefits of the home. We rejoice that in the bounds of your synod a growing interest in this home is being manifested. God has blessed this work, and may we not hope that it will prove a new bond of union to our churches and synods.

The Mission House in Wisconsin has attained the stature of a college and theological seminary, with an attendance of 70, and 118 former students in the gospel ministry. This institution has outgrown its accommodations, and the work of erecting a new and more commodious edifice is already taken in hand. We trust that the same enthusiasm which carried your new college building at Tiffin, and the Orphans' Home at Ft. Wayne through to successful completion, will also attend this effort to place our institutions in the northwest in a position for enlarged usefulness.

When your synod meets, the annual meeting of Central Synod will already have taken place; but at its annual meeting in 1887, we trust Central Synod will have the pleasure of again greeting a delegate of your body.

In conclusion, we tender affectionate greeting, and wish you the divine guidance in your deliberations and abundant blessings on all your churches.

Your brother in the Lord,

JOSEPH A. KELLER.

September 27, 1886.

DELEGATES TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. John J. Leberman, *primarius*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. John M. Kendig, *secundus*, Canfield, Ohio.

THE SUBJECT OF CHURCH UNION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Friday, reported in Item 5, that the classes of Miami, Tuscarawas, Northern Illinois, Iowa, St. Joseph, and Kansas requested the Ohio Synod to take suitable action with respect to effecting a union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, and also with the Presbyterian Church.

The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Daniel Lantz, G. William H. Smith, and Elder John R. Wetherell. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to which the action of several classes on church union was referred would respectfully report that the action of Miami, Iowa, Kansas, and Tuscarawas classes requests a union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America; and that St. Joseph and Northern Illinois classes requests a union between the Reformed Church in the United States and that of the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church.

The subject of church union is one that ought to interest the hearts of all Christian people, as it looks towards the time when all the divisions that now exist in the church shall be happily removed and there be one fold as there is one Shepherd. Divided as we now are, the church is shorn of much of its strength and must, in the nature of the case, be impeded in the work of the evangelization of the world. The synod therefore rejoices in the deliverances that have come before it from the classes here referred to, and would hereby overture the General Synod to take such action as may be calculated to further the consummation of the desired end.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

DELIVERANCE RESPECTING UNCONFIRMED MEMBERS.

The Eastern Ohio Classis, as reported in Item 6 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Friday, requested synod to give a deliverance on the question as to How long "unconfirmed members" of the church are to be reported as such? The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John R. Skinner, John J. Leberman, Fred. C. Bauman, John D. Neff, and Elder John Zollinger. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Item 6, referring to the request of Eastern Ohio Classis, that synod express its judgment on the question, How long ought unconfirmed members of the church to be reported as such? would report the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, The constitution of the church recognizes all baptized persons as members of the church (Article 87); therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this synod that the unconfirmed members should be reported as long as they have not been disciplined and suspended, or their names erased from the church records because of removal from the bounds of congregations.

Resolved, That it is the sense also of this synod that unconfirmed members should be dismissed by letter as such, when removing from the bounds of one congregation into another.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. SKINNER, *Chairman.*

DIVISION OF KANSAS CLASSIS.

Kansas Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes in Item 13, requested synod to divide its territory into two classes. This request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John M. Kendig, William H. Shults, and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The item contains a request by Kansas Classis to be divided so as to constitute two classes. The division proposed by classis is, viz.: That the present territory of Kansas Classis shall be divided according to the third standard parallel south of the United States Government survey. All south of that parallel shall be constituted into a new classis to be known as the ——— Classis. The charges in the new classis are the Emporia, Iola, Lyons, and Witchita, and the present pastors are Revs. Shuey, Love, Alt, and Holshouser.

Your committee recommends, in accordance with said request:

1. That the request of Kansas Classis to be divided, and a new classis be constituted, be and hereby is granted.

2. That the pastors and delegated elders of the charges in said new classis are instrncted to meet in the Reformed Church at Emporia, Kansas, on Wednesday evening after Easter, A. D. 1887, at 7 o'clock, to complete the organization of the new classis.

3. That Rev. J. W. Love shall preside at the organization until the officers are elected.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW SYNOD, ETC.

The classes of Iowa, Kansas, and Northern Illinois, as reported, on Friday morning by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis, in Item 7, requested synod to adopt the necessary preliminary measures for the organization of a new synod in the West; and the Northern Illinois Classis, as reported by the same committee in Item 9, requested synod to re-organize Shelby Classis. These requests were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Samuel L. Runkel, Daniel R. Taylor, and Elder John W. Bishop. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received, discussed, and adopted:

Your special committee to which was referred the items on organization of new synod, and re-organization of Shelby Classis, offer the following:

1. Inasmuch as the classes of Iowa, Northern Illinois, and Kansas have asked the consent of synod to organize a new synod; and, whereas, it appears that the constitutional number of classes will be, in the near future, favorable to such organization; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod not only gives its consent to, but also recommends to General Synod, the organization of such new synod as soon as the required number of classes so petition; and this synod also requests these classes to go forward with the movement in accordance with the constitutional requirements.

2. Your committee believes that it would be better if Shelby Classis could be re-organized; but we consider it al-

most, if not altogether impossible, and therefore hazardous, to re-organize Shelby Classis at this time, and recommend, therefore, that, for the present, Shelby and Northern Illinois classes remain as they are, thus united.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL L. RUNKEL, *Chairman.*

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

On motion, the following action was adopted by synod, with respect to the appointment of a Committee on Minutes of Classes and the preparation of the report on Minutes of Classes by said committee in advance of the annual meeting of synod:

WHEREAS, The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes is one of our most important committees, the report of which should come before synod early in its sessions in order to expedite business; and,

WHEREAS, The present system of formulating said report involves so much labor and time as to prevent this desired end; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers and one elder, not more than two of whom shall be from the same classis, be appointed, to whom the stated clerks of the different classes shall be required to transmit a copy of their minutes repectively at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting of synod.

Resolved, That said committee be appointed by the synod during its sessions the year preceeding the presenting of their report.

The committee called for in the first resolution of the foregoing action consists of Revs. George H. Leonard, David M. Christman, Alpheus E. Baichly, and Elder Horace Ankeney.

The Northern Illinois Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis, at the afternoon session on Friday, in item 11, requested synod to consider the Oplinger case. It was thereupon on motion after some discussion,

Resolved, That the item be adopted, and the case of Rev. Robert F. Oplinger be referred to St. Joseph Classis for investigation by that classis.

The Classes of Northern Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, as reported during the morning session on Friday by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 10, requested synod to be relieved from the payment of the synodical apportionments for home mission, church erection and beneficiary education. After considerable discussion, the following action was adopted.

Resolved, That Northern Illinois, Iowa and Kansas Classes be excused from paying the synodical apportionment for the year 1885 for church erection and beneficiary education.

Resolved, That said classes be kindly requested to cooperate with synod in raising its apportionments.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 17 that Lancaster Classis declined to accept the action of synod with respect to raising the full amount of the apportionment for church erection; and in item 25 that Lancaster Classis refused to accept synod's tabular statement of unpaid apportionments. With reference to these two items, being of the same nature, it was on motion,

Resolved, That Lancaster Classis is hereby requested to reconsider its action, and to accede to the request of synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your board effected its organization November 13, 1886, in the city of Dayton by the election of the following officers:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President.*

Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary.*

Rev. J. B. Henry, *Treasurer.*

The only paper placed in our hands is the report of the Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, from which we learn the following, and which we most respectfully submit for synod's consideration: The efforts made for the more general circulation of the *Christian World* have been measurably successful, and now several hundred families are read-

ing our church paper, where a year ago our religous litreature was unknown. This result was secured by personal effort, either by an agent or some other interested party, plainly indicating that the paper's universal circulation will only be obtained by the aggressive activity of its friends. In this connection we can but insert the suggestion of the Publishing Company, that a day, by synodical action, be devoted to the interests of religious litreature, and that at that time the claims of our church paper be presented. The editors also signify their desire to visit pastoral charges in the interests of the *Christian World.*

The Sabbath-school papers have widened their circulation, and so far as learned give general satisfaction. This is most gratifying to the Publishing Company, as it is also to the board.

The catechism is continued in the *Quarterly* in harmony with the direction of synod's request of a year ago. It si published in such form as to be conveniently used for responsive service. So far as known this has been most favorably received.

Twenty thousand copies of the Children's Day service were published, and from many sources it was learned that it was quite acceptable. This is double the number of a year ago.

The only suggestion which the board feels the liberty of making is that a column of church news be inserted in the paper; this to be gathered from sister denominations.

Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter, and W. H. Shults' time expire at this synod as members of this board.

Most respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Friday, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with that of the board, adopted:

Your committee on publication would report that the only paper that came into our hand, was the report of the board of publication, from which we learn that the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school periodicals have been regularly published during the past year. We also learn from their report

that the circulation of the *Christian World* has been considerably increased. This is truly gratifying, and is as it should be. It is also gratifying to learn that our Sunday-school literature is gradually gaining favor within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, and wherever used, general satisfaction is given. This being so, your committee would suggest the importance of ministers and officers of the various charges to co-operate with the publishers in endeavoring to increase its circulation. both of the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school literature —so that the time may not be far distant when the church paper will be found in every family, and the Sunday-school *Quarterlies* used in every Sunday-school.

Your committee would further suggest that the catechism be continued in the the *Quarterlies* in its present form.

In reference to the board's suggestion of devoting one column in the *Christian World* to news jotted from sister denominations, your committee would recommend that such a column be inserted.

It is also gratifying to learn that double the number of the Children's Day service was published from that of a year ago. From this widening circulation of the different periodicals, is an evidence that they are gradually gaining favor among our people. This is as it should be, and is an evidence, that our periodicals are well and ably conducted, and that we would recommend them to the patronage of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. SEITZ, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*. Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Jerome B. Henry, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1887.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jerome B. Henry. Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Amos Casselman.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 1 that the stated clerk of synod was instructed to procure the minutes and statistics of Iowa Classis. In response to the requirement contained in this item, the following report was presented, which was received and adopted:

Agreeably to instruction, I would report that I wrote several letters of inquiry to the Stated Clerk of Iowa Classis, asking for a copy of its minutes and statistics of 1885. After some delay I received the statistical table and embodied the same in the printed minutes, but, from some cause, the minutes proper of said classis for that year were not sent to me as requested. It is however presumed that said minutes, in connection with those of 1886, will be officially submitted to synod during its present sessions for review and for such consideration as may be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, with respect to the publication of the minutes of synod, it was

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute same among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following matters received the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

J. H. Good, *in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from October 1, 1885, to October 1, 1886, as follows:*

DR.

To balance from last year	$257 14
Miami Classis, in full for 1885	290 88
Lancaster Classis, in part	75 00
Eastern Ohio Classis, in part	68 72
Tiffin Classis, in full	92 26
Iowa Classis, in full	22 11
Tuscarawas Classis, in full	133 58
Kansas Classis, in full	21 57
Northern Illinois Classis, in full	12 09
St. Joseph Classis, in full	64 23
	$1.037 58

CR.

Dr. Reiter. Salary as Stated Clerk	$ 75 00
Printing Tickets at Louisville	2 75
Sexton at Louisville	10 00
Dr. Reiter, Sundry Expenses, Traveling, etc	34 60
Postage Expenses, etc. of Treasurer	5 36
Printing Minutes of Synod 1885	132 50
	$ 260 21
Balance in treasury October 1, 1886	777 37
	$1,037 58

UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS.

Lancaster Classis,	1885,	in part	$ 68 31
Eastern Ohio "	1885,	"	34 18
Shelby "	1884,		15 22
" "	1885,		15 74

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the treasurer, was adopted:

The Standing Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report: The treasurers' reports of the various boards of synod have been axamined and found correct.

The treasurer's report of synod (Rev. Dr. Good) conveys to us the very encouraging fact that the finances of synod are in a healthy condition. That various classes have paid up their delinquencies, and that there is a balance in the treasury of $777.37. This is encouraging, inasmuch as the coming year will need be expensive inasmuch as the general synod will meet the coming spring which will necessarily increase our expenses.

The following classes are found to be in arrears for 1885;

Lancaster Classis.	1885		$ 68 31
Eastern Ohio "	1885		34 18
Shelby "	1884		15 22
" "	1885		15 74

The attention of the above classes is now called to these delinquencies, and they be urged to pay up as soon as possible.

The following amounts have been referred to the Committee on Finance: Missions, $5,000; Beneficiary Education, $2,000; Church Erection, $2,000; Contingent Expenses, $500.

These several amounts have been apportioned among the different classes, as follows:

CLASSES.	Members.	Missions, 24 1-5 cents per Member.	Church Erection, 9½ per Member.	Benfic'y Education, 9½c per Member.	2 9-20 Contingent Ex. 45.98c per Member.
Miami	4,869	$1,178 33	$470 67	$470 67	$119 29
Lancaster	2,479	599 92	239 63	239 63	60 23
Tuscarawas	3,688	892 49	356 51	356 51	90 85
Tiffin	2,219	537 00	214 17	214 17	54 36
Eastern Ohio	2,608	631 14	252 11	252 11	63 90
Northern Illinois	857	205 94	82 26	82 26	20 85
Iowa	902	218 28	87 19	87 19	22 10
St. Joseph	2,336	565 31	225 81	225 81	57 23
Kansas	719	174 00	69 50	69 50	17 61
Totals	20,671	$5,002 41	$1,997 85	$1,997 85	$506 42

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, as ministers of the Ohio Synod, make an effort to raise an average of fifty cents for every member of our congregations.

III. PAYMENT OF BILLS BY THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer of synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod, namely:

1. Mr. Jacob Peiffer, $10 for his services as sexton during the sessions of synod.

2. Rev. Siegfried Thomas, of Kansas Classis, $14, being one-third of his traveling expenses to synod.

3. Rev. Theodore J. Bacher, $25 for expenses incurred in representing synod at the corner-stone laying of the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Kansas City, Missouri, October 17, 1886.

4. For telegram to Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, conveying action of synod, $1.

5. For printing 100 tickets for use of synod, $1.

On motion, the following action was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod is hereby instructed to charge the classes nothing in addition to the amount of their regular contingent apportionment, for the printing of the minutes of the synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during afternoon session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Michael Loucks. The report was received and as amended adopted, and the committee was instructed to have one hundred copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod, which was accordingly done. The election of the several boards and of corresponding delegates was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Michael Loucks, George H. Leonard, Reuben Keller, and Elders Frederick Jenkins and Wm. H. Parks, were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets, and received and counted the ballots, and during the afternoon session on Saturday reported the result.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions: XIV, Theological Seminary: XV, Heidelberg College; XVII, Sunday-schools; XX, Church Government; and XXI, Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the morning session on Friday, the Standing Committee on Overtures, in item 8, reported a work entitled "A Treatise on Baptism," by Rev. John J. Leberman, for the consideration of synod. This work was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Henry M. Herman, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee, during the afternoon session of the same day, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred the book

entitled "Treatise on Baptism" written by Rev. J. J. Leberman, A. M. and published by the Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, would respectfully report that they have given the book as full and careful examination as the time given us would permit. The book is divided into three parts, viz:

What is baptism?

Who is to be baptized?

How are we to be baptized?

It affords your committee pleasure to bear testimony to the faithful presentation of the subject treated, and the strict adherance to the standards of our church.

We would therefore submit the following resolutions as the sense of this synod:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the author, Rev. J. J. Leberman, for the labor expended in its preparation, and for bringing before our people a book of such practical value to them.

Resolved, That we hereby commend it to the membership of the Reformed Church, believing that its dissemination and perusal will result in good.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. HERMAN,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,
HORACE ANKENEY,
Committee.

THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

The following action on Temperance was adopted by the synod, namely:

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic of to-day is the fruitful source of nearly all the crime, pauperism and wretchedness of the land, and the enemy of all good; and

WHEREAS, Those engaged in the traffic are combining their forces more and more in defiance of both human and divine law, unscrupulously trampling under their feet the most sacred things of earth, disregarding even the appointed institutions of God—the home, the church, the Sabbath—and sparing neither the property nor the life of others, if it seems to be in the way of the accomplishment of their vile purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby declare that we are unalterably opposed to the present traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage and in favor of its total annihilation.

Resolved, That we call upon our people, and all lovers of good order, to take a bold stand against this traffic and encourage and support with heart and voice, every effort, looking toward its moral and legal prohibition.

Resolved, That this synod appoint a standing committee on Temperance who shall report a paper on this subject at the next annual meeting.

The committee called for in the last resolution of the foregoing report, and as appointed by synod, consists of Revs. Samual B. Yockey, John D. Neff, Amos Casselman, Alpheus E. Baichly and Elder Horace Ankeney.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in Item 1, that a communication was at hand from Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, missionary at Kansas City, requesting synod to appoint a minister to assist on Sunday, October 17th, at the laying of the corner-stone of the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Kansas City. This request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Drs. H. H. W. Hibshman, George W. Williard, and Elder John Coy. This committee, during the afternoon session on the same day, submitted their report, which was received, discussed, and amended by substituting the name of Rev. Theodore J. Bacher for that of Rev. Dr. H. M. Herman, who declined the proposed appointment. The report as amended was adopted, and is as follows:

Your special committee to whom was referred Item 1 in the Report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, having reference to the recommending of a minister to represent this synod at the corner-stone laying of the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Kansas City, would report that they recommend the appointment of Rev. Theodore J. Bacher.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church sends its greeting to Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, and instructs

its stated clerk to notify him by telegram that Rev. Theodore J. Bacher will represent this synod at the corner-stone laying of the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Kansas City, on next Sunday (October 17th).

In accordance with instruction, the following telegram was at once sent:

To Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, missionary at Kansas City, Missouri:

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, now assembled at Cedarville, Illinois, hereby sends its cordial greeting. Rev. T. J. Bacher has been appointed to represent this synod at your corner-stone laying, and he will be with you by Friday evening or Saturday morning next.

I. H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

CEDARVILLE, ILLINOIS, October 14, 1886.

On motion, the following expression of sympathy was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That this synod has heard with sincere sorrow of the affliction of Agent Henry Leonard, preventing him from being present with us as he intended, and that we hereby extend him our warmest sympathy in his affliction and assure him that he has our prayers that the Lord may speedily restore him to his wonted health and spare him long to the church, that he may live to see the college, for which he has so long and faithfully labored, relieved of its present financial embarrassment and freed from all debt.

On motion, the synod adopted the following action:

Believing that to get our people well acquainted with all our church work is of inestimable value to the progress of our Zion; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the ministers present in this synod assembled, do hereby agree that we will endeavor to give one Sunday, as soon after the adjournment of synod as convenient and suitable, to a talk or sermon with our congregations on the special topic, viz.: This meeting of synod, making plain to them what has been done, what is to be expected during the present year, etc.

Resolved, That we ask the absent ministers, when receiving the minutes of this synod, to also join with us in our effort to properly instruct our people in all our church work.

During the morning session on the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, the synod, on motion, proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. The places put in nomination were Dayton and Lancaster, Ohio. The roll was called, and the vote resulted in favor of Lancaster, Ohio, as the place for the next annual meeting of synod.

The fixing of the time was subsequently taken under consideration. Several changes were proposed. After several motions and considerable discussion, the following action as amended was adopted:

Resolved, That the rule which has heretofore fixed the time for the annual meeting of synod on the second Wednesday of October in each year, be and is hereby revoked; and that the next synod shall meet on the fourth Tuesday in October, (25,) A. D. 1887, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

As the Stated Clerk of synod had to be necessarily absent during the evening session on Friday, Rev. Edwin R. Williard was, on motion, appointed Stated Clerk *pro tempore.*

During the morning session on the third day (Friday) of the sessions, Rev. Prof. Frank Wetzel made some interesting statements in regard to the founding, importance, wants, and claims of Northern Illinois College, located at Dakota, Illinois, and its bearing on the cause of education in the West.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

These resolutions of thanks were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the synod, by a rising vote, expresses its cordial thanks to the people in and around Cedarville, who so hospitably entertained the delegates of synod, and that this resolution be read by the several pastors in all the churches in Cedarville on Sunday evening next.

Resolved, That the stated clerk of synod be instructed to tender the thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church to the several railroad companies for granting its delegates reduced fare in passing over their roads.

The roll was called, and there were found none absent without permission or excuse. The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.
ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in general convention, in the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Ohio, on the fourth Tuesday in October (25th), A. D. 1887, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Saturday evening, October 16, A. D. 1886, at half-past ten o'clock, with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and benediction by the president.

DEWALT S. FOUSE, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	4	635	130	24	17	71	9	547	19		8	19	4	480	2	$342 00	$1,000 00	35	Louisville, Ohio.
Chas. M. Schaaf, 1	Mt. Olivet	2	264	152	12	2	18	1	200	6		2	6	2	175		60 00	740 00	10	San Francisco, Cal.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	172	90	1			5	135	6			2	1	169		60 00	550 00	12	Columbiana, Ohio.
Richard B. Reichard	New Lisbon	2	254	134	4	9	14	6	190	1			6	2	183		183 00	700 00	12	New Lisbon, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Canfield-Warren	6	429	159	5	8	18	22	329	14		42	4	5	295		283 00	945 00	33	Canfield, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	Jefferson	2	157	52	10	1	8	2	134	4		5	1	2	145		29 00	454 00	15	Germano, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	343	130	13	35	63	20	320	15		15	14	2	270		108 00	900 00	13	Carrollton, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	Springfield	2	206	40	16		2	6	197	1			6	2	227		96 00	600 00	10	Petersburgh, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning	St. Paul's and Bethel	2	98	68	8	4	24	4	96	1		2	4	2	140		15 00	150 00	5	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning, sup	St. John's	1	50																4	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller	Without charge																			Carrollton Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Without charge																			Youngstown, Ohio.
Frank C. Witthoff	Without charge																			Teegarden, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	Without charge																			Harmony, Pa.
Total, 13.		24	2608	955	93	76	218	75	2148	67		74	62	22	2084	2	$1,176 00	$5,139 00	149	

1. **Resigned in the summer of 1886, and removed to San Francisco, Cal., to take charge of the Reformed Church there.**

LANCASTER CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contribution. Benevolent Purposes.	Contribution. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
ge H. Leonard	Basil	2	456	70	14	4	16	7	370	8		20	3	2	307	1	$312 00	$879 00	10	Basil, Ohio.
Vogt, D. D	Zion's	1	239	131	14	3	12	4	223	4		22	2	1	154	1		950 00	10	Delaware, Ohio.
d M. Christman	Union	4	278	200	7	8	43	8	260	1		3	4	4	205		400 00	980 00	12	Baltimore, Ohio.
A. Seitz	Stoutsville	3	227	102	8		2	1	146	3		33	4	3	163		221 00	535 00	7	Stoutsville, Ohio.
cis M. Shultz	Jerusalem Mission	4	155	62	19	9	16	4	126	8		2	1	4	201	1	82 00	270 00	5	Bremen, Ohio.
b P. Stahl	Glenford	3	237	76	5	1	6		101	7				2	155	1	105 00		10	Somerset, Ohio.
s Heffley	Zion's	3	103	53	4	1	7	1	103	1		6	1	1	40		36 00			Canal Winchester, O.
W. Seeman	Thornville	2	157			*			145	5			3	2	125	3	25 00	200 00	10	Thornville, Ohio.
s B. C. Lahr	Winchester	1	195	55	3	6	15	12	176			5	3	1	266	1	1,470 00	486 00	10	Canal Winchester, O.
rank Davis	Kinnickinnick	3	140																3	Kinnickinnick, Ohio.
. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	289	162	33	36	86	12	232	2		22		2	239		208 00	1,804 00	13	Lancaster, Ohio.
James Heffley, sup	North Union	1	23																	
Peter D. Schory	Without charge																			Lancaster, Ohio.
Total, 12.		29	2499	911	107	68	203	49	1882	39		113	30	22	1855	8	$2,859 00	$6,104 00	93	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	3	318	125	3	4	6	11	304	11	1	..	6	3	334		$189 00	$1,450 00	15	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	266	73	25	2	25	4	240	7	..	26	10	3	216	..	156 00	700 00	18	Massillon, Ohio.
Edward H. Otting	Union	2	222	100	12		..	..	155	8	..	5	2	2	150		123 00	4,100 00	12	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Emil P. Herbruck	Grace Reformed	1	525	50	30	13	45	38	400	8	..	9	2	1	474	..	310 00	1,600 00	10	Canton, Ohio.
Jonathan A. Novinger	Uniontown	3	160	70	12	10	48	12	150	8	..	..	12	3	180	..	75 00	700 00	15	Lake, Ohio.
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	257		2	9	13	3	186	4	7	7	7	4			196 00	846 00	18	Nimisilla, Ohio.
Abner R. Kremer 1	Trinity Reformed	1	187	124	24	2	9	11	169	3	..	..	5	1	203		.....	950 00	6	Berlin, Pa.
John J. Excell	Reedsburg	3	153		..	..	1	..	135	4	..	..	1	3	215	..	70 00	388 00	15	Reedsburg, Ohio.
Albert Gonser	West Salem	4	230	67	3	16	36	11	213	8	..	20	7	4	211	..	110 00	1,420 00	15	West Salem, Ohio.
James H. Steele 2	Mohican	3	179	93	6	4	7	5	157	4	..	4	4	3	233	..	100 00	2,164 00	12	Alpha, Ohio.
Rufus C. Zartman	English Reformed	1	138	41	3	7	22	10	123	1	..	..	3	1	126	..	68 00	1,082 00	12	Wooster, Ohio.
Raymond R. Lackey 3	Salem	1	85	13	1	1	8	3	54	..	..	7	2	1	96	..	43 00	450 00	10	Wilton Junction, Ia.
Frederick Mayer	St. Peters	1	147	34	4	7	15	5	121	..	..	1	2	1	110	..	31 00	1,015 00	8	Apple Creek, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber	Navarre	4	170	102	9	11	37	12	158	7	..	..		4	261	1	165 00	680 00	18	Navarre, Ohio.
Solomon Ream	Summit	2	139	12	7	21	37	11	93	..	..	3	1	2	148	..	30 00	527 00	9	Lake, Ohio.
Edward M. Beck	Bristol	2	178	32	1	6	14	11	130	3	..	8	1	2	139	..	125 00	700 00	13	Marshallville, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams	Canaan	2	125	..	4			3	95	..	..	..	6	2	115	..	110 00	550 00	10	Canaan, Ohio.
Orange E. Lake 4	Shelby	4	180	25	1	..	....	...	175	8	..	..	10	4	200	..	.....	400 00	5	Shelby, Ohio.
	Jerusalem cong	1	14	6	....	....	....	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	2	
	Sharon cong	1	15	14	....	....	....	....	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	
Total, 18.		47	3688	981	147	113	323	150	3083	84	8	90	81	44	3411	1	$1,871 00	$19,422 00	223	

1. Dismissed to Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod, and succeeded by Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.
2. Dismissed to Miami Classis, and Mohican charge is now served by Rev. Jacob Ihle.
3. Dismissed to Iowa Classis, and Salem charge is now served by Rev. John L. Bretz.
4. Has resigned the Shelby charge.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Bascom & St. Jacobs	2	106	98	21		6	3	104				6	2	102		$125 00		42	Tiffin, Ohio.
Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D.	1st Church, Tiffin	1	236	95	4		1	10	221	4			5	1	168	1	136 00		16	Tiffin, Ohio.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	1	148	40	12	1	2	2	140	4			3		120		592 00	$700 00	15	Bellevue, Ohio.
Samuel Shaw	Venice	2	60	36	8				56	3			1	2	115	1	28 00	300 00	9	Bloomville, Ohio.
Jesse Richards	Without charge																			Lake Side, Ohio.
George W. Williard, D.D.	Pres. Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D. D	Prof. in Seminary																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Jacob Ihle 1	Zion	2	260	12	10			6	192	11			7	2	170		165 00	510 00	10	Mohican, Ohio.
John I. Swander, D. D	Fremont	1	108	40	4	4	9	7	101	2		1	1	1	60		32 60	325 00	6	Fremont, Ohio.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D.D.	Grace Church	1	161	73	7	1	16	13	145	3		3	3	1	162	2	119 00	1,200 00	8	Tiffin, Ohio.
Simon P. Myers	Bloomville	1	113	43	5	5	9	6	61	3				1	174				4	Bloomville, Ohio.
	Fort Seneca	3	159						120											Fort Seneca, Ohio.
Augustus Konetska	Without charge																			Fostoria, Ohio.
Charles O. Knepper	Lic. & Prof. Heid. Col.																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D	Prof. in Heid. Col																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Isaac A. Sites	Ada	5	195	80	11	4	1	13	147	6			3	4	194		125 00	972 00	10	Ada, Ohio.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	111	39	2	2	12	2	96	4		4	6	2	112		54 00	722 00	5	Fostoria, Ohio.
Joseph W. Barber	Payne	4	75	73	12	5	9	10	66					1	60				5	Payne, Ohio.
David S. Caldwell	Without charge	3	60																2	Nevada, Ohio.
George C. Gerlach	Liberty Center	2	102	36	1	1	1	1	56				3	2	120		5 00	3.5 00	4	Liberty Center, Ohio.
George A. House	Helena	2	100	59					100					2	150				1	Helena, Ohio.
William A. Miller	Lindsey	2	160	60	14	8	8					3	5	2			67 00	500 00	5	Lindsey, Ohio.
	Salem	1	22	20										1	40					Berwick, Ohio.
	Lima	1	16	1										1	40		19 00	146 00	3	Lima, Ohio.
Supplied by Rev. Loose.	Stone Church	1	27	10	1	2	3	1	125					1	30		15 00	100 00	5	Bellevue, Ohio.
Jacob Klingler 2	Superannuated																		1	Upper Sandusky, O.
Charles W. Good	Without charge																		1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Henry Dieckman	Licentiate																		1	Buffalo, N. Y.
William E. Shaley	Licentiate																		1	Terre Haute, Ind.
John A. Ketrow	Licentiate																		1	Denver,, Ind.
Total, 23.		37	2219	931	102	33	77	74	1730	40		11	42	23	1717	3	$1,412 00	$5,900 00	123	

1. Resigned, and taken charge of Mohican charge, Tuscarawas Classis.
2. Rev. Jacob Klinger died November 20, 1886, aged 68 years, 3 months, and 29 days.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
John J. Leberman	Louisville	4	635	130	24	17	71	9	547	19		8	19	4	480	2	$342 00	$1,000 00	35	Louisville, Ohio.
Chas. M. Schaaf, 1	Mt. Olivet	2	264	152	12	2	18	1	200	6		2	6	2	175		60 00	740 00	10	San Francisco, Cal.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	172	90	1			5	135	6			2	1	169		60 00	550 00	12	Columbiana, Ohio.
Richard B. Reichard	New Lisbon	2	254	134	4	9	14	6	190	1			6	2	183		183 00	700 00	12	New Lisbon, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Canfield-Warren	6	429	159	5	8	18	22	329	14		42	4	5	295		283 00	945 00	33	Canfield, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	Jefferson	2	157	52	10	1	8	2	134	4		5	1	2	145		29 00	454 00	15	Germano, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	343	130	13	35	63	20	320	15		15	14	2	270		108 00	900 00	13	Carrollton, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	Springfield	2	206	40	16		2	6	197	1			6	2	227		96 00	600 00	10	Petersburgh, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning	St. Paul's and Bethel	2	98	68	8	4	24	4	96	1		2	4	2	140		15 00	150 00	5	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning, sup	St. John's	1	50																4	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller	Without charge																			Carrollton Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Without charge																			Youngstown, Ohio.
Frank C. Witthoff	Without charge																			Teegarden, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	Without charge																			Harmony, Pa.
Total, 13.		24	2608	955	93	76	218	75	2148	67		74	62	22	2084	2	$1,176 00	$5,139 00	149	

1. Resigned in the summer of 1886, and removed to San Francisco, Cal., to take charge of the Reformed Church there.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frank Wetzel	Pres. North. Ill. Col.																			Dakota, Illinois.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	2	50	26	2			1	28				1	1		1		$80 00	2	Lena, Illinois.
Joshua Wolbach	Forreston	2	100	85	5				71	2		1		1	35		$46 00	615 00	4	Forreston, Illinois.
Harvey L. Hart	Orangeville	4	129	6	6	5	53		114	8		6	3					500 00	6	Orangeville, Illinois.
	Dakota, 1	4	70	29	8				55				2	1	25			347 00	4	Dakota, Illinois.
Frederick W. Stump	Dakota Mission	2	26		2	5	8	18	26					3	90				4	Redfield, Dakota.
Julius H. Shuford	Astoria	2	90	66	4	1	6	1	65				3	2	155		160 00	800 00	3	Summum, Illinois.
	Shelby	1	34	43	3			1	33	12		5	1	1	35		50 00	250 00	2	
George E. Metger	Anna	4	184		8	20	24		150	2		1	2	2	100		60 00	2,600 00	4	Anna, Illinois.
	Mt. Zion	2	111	62	4	2	18	3	88			2		2	134		111 00	425 00	3	
Joseph F. Butler, sup.	Altamont	2	57	44	9		8	2	54	5			4	1	48		40 00	200 00	3	Altamont, Illinois.
Daniel Lantz	Without charge																			White Pigeon, Mich.
hn Kercher	Without charge																			LaRose, Illinois.
nuel Mease, D. D	Without charge																			Chicago, Illinois.
hes H. Lippard	Without charge																			Cheney, Kansas.
Total, 12.		25	851	361	51	33	117	26	684	29		15	16	14	622	1	$467 00	$5,817 00	35	

1. Dakota charge is now served by Rev. Samuel L. Runkel.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Elias Bauman	Without charge																			E. Portland, Oregon.
Thomas F. Stauffe	Abilene	2	90	81	3	3	4	25	65					1	70		$14 89	$371 66		Abilene, Kansas.
Abraham Bolliger	New Basel	1	95	110	14		11		60			2	4	1	110		15 00	420 00	2	New Basel, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker	Holton	1	19	14	2			2	13		1	8					7 00	62 00		Holton, Kansas.
Siegfried Thomas	Schœnfeld	1	20	23	2		2		20				2	1	5		7 65	40 00	1	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
R. Leighton Gerhart	St. Paul's	1	48	19	1		4	44	43					1	48		4 60	1,150 00	8	Kansas City, Mo.
E. F. Schorer	Without charge																			Twin Creek, Kansas,
David B. Shuey	Supt. of Missions				1															Emporia, Kansas.
Daniel J. Greenwald	Without charge																			Beloit, Kansas.
Allen R. Holshouser	Lyons	1	23	22	2				19					2	48		5 81	95 00	1	Lyons, Kansas.
Geo'ge W. Remagen	Bethany	1	81	46	5	2	6	6	72	1			1	1	131		25 00	650 00		Hiawatha, Kansas.
Solomon A. Alt	Iola	3	56	50	5	2	6	15	45						50		9 53	35 50		Iola, Kansas.
	Emporia 1	1	30	36				5	18								6 18	45 80		Emporia, Kansas.
John W. Love	Wichita Brown Mem.	1	34	6	1	1	4	9	29			1		1	50		12 50	110 00		Wichita, Kansas.
Albert G. Lowman	Sabetha 2	2	46	52										2	111			225 00	1	Sabetha, Kansas.
Frederick H. Keller	Baker	1	40	26	4		7	14	26									100 00		Baker, Kansas.
	Zions 3	1	80	90	1									1	45			12 00		Wathena, Kansas.
	Cheney 4	1	37	20	3	1	1	8	32				1	1	70		19 00	579 00	1	Cheney, Kansas.
	Zions 5	1	20	30	2				20								5 00	130 00		Humboldt, Nebraska.
James R. Lewis 6																				Maquoketa, Iowa.
Total, 16.		19	719	625	46	9	45	128	462	1	1	11	8	13	738		$132 00	$4,026 00	14	

1. Supplied by Rev. D. B. Shuey.
2. Supplied by Rev. A. G. Lohman.
3. Vacant.
4. Supplied by Rev. J. H. Lippard, of Northern Illinois Classis.
5. Supplied by Rev. J. G. Steinert, of Nebraska Classis.
6. Dismissed to Iowa Classis.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1886.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions,		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	26	54	4,869	961	148	279	472	232	4,056	66		152	72	43	4,420	1	$5,700 00	$18,210 00	220
Lancaster	1	12	29	2,499	911	107	68	203	49	1,882	39		113	30	22	1,855	8	2,859 00	6,014 00	93
Tuscarawas	1	18	47	3,688	981	147	113	323	150	3,083	84	8	90	81	44	3,411	1	1,871 00	19,422 00	223
Tiffin	1	23	37	2,219	931	102	33	77	74	1,730	40		11	42	23	1,717	3	1,412 00	5,900 00	123
Eastern Ohio	1	13	24	2,608	955	93	76	218	75	2,148	67		74	62	22	2,084	2	1,176 00	5,139 00	149
Northern Illinois	1	12	25	851	361	51	33	117	26	684	29		15	16	14	622	1	467 00	5,817 00	35
Iowa	1	10	23	902	489	46	37	28	30	766	25			6	16	816	1	515 00	4,174 00	32
St. Joseph	1	17	39	2,336	1,235	118	56	150	101	1,406	38		60	27	28	2,064	5	703 00	8,699 00	107
Kansas	1	16	19	719	625	46	9	45	128	462	1	1	11	8	13	738		132 00	4,026 00	14
Total	9	147	297	20,691	7,449	858	704	1,633	865	16,217	389	9	526	344	225	17,721	22	$14,835 00	$77,401 00	996

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1886.

SYNODS.																				
Synod in U. S	10	215	458	76,030	44,437	5,748	510	4,268	1,620	64,641	962	1	281	2,284	547	50,655	72	$58,744 00	$301,524 00	
Synod of Ohio	9	147	297	20,691	7,449	858	704	1,633	865	16,217	389	9	526	344	225	17,721	22	14,835 00	77,401 00	
Synod of Northwest	9	117	149	15,708	10,547	1,289	17	905	609	10,517	145	12	387	355	144	8,234	19	10,252 00	59,519 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	58	139	12,989	9,373	810	128	660	412	10,237	290		200	206	103	7,664	11	8,824 00	51,937 00	
Synod of the Potomac	10	146	291	30,674	19,271	1,956	311	1,667	841	25,455	509	3	293	653	260	20,204	33	32,912 00	120,544 00	
German Synod of East	5	45	41	12,153	7,195	2,243	10	730	722	9,369	58	1	391	421	45	8,489	7	5,662 00	76,646 00	
Central Synod	4	74	115	15,735	10,452	1,185	61	870	513	10,200	198	12	303	375	98	9,728	22	8,893 00	116,750 00	
1886. Grand Total: Sy'ds. 7.	52	802	1,481	183,980	108,724	14,089	1,741	10,733	5,582	146,636	2,551	38	2,381	4,638	1,422	122,695	186	$140,122 00	$804,321 00	
1885. " " " 7.	53	788	1,468	177,037	108,090	14,573	1,378	10,079	5,325	140,749	2,384	71	2,424	4,934	1,374	116,873	173	114,087 00	746,122 00	

Sixty-Fourth Annual Sessions.

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SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in general convention in Grace Reformed Church at Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of October, at half-past seven o'clock, in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening, at half-past eight o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod convened in Grace Reformed Church at Lancaster, Ohio, on Tuesday evening, October 25, A. D. 1887, at 7.30 o'clock, and in the absence of the retiring president, (Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse), the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., from I. John 5: 11 and 12, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life." Whereupon the stated clerk called the synod to order and constituted it with prayer. Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., was appointed president *pro tem.* The synod then proceeded to complete the roll, and effect a perr[illegible]ization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Samuel B. Yockey 3, Henry M. Herman, D. D., George H. Souder, Alpheus E. Baichly, William H. Shults, Edward M. Beck 3, Jerome B. Henry, James H. Steele, David W. Ebbert, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Michael Loucks 2.

Elders.—Andrew H. Baughman, Eli Diehl, Robert Miller, Wesley Pence, John M. Smith, Harvey Venus, Henry Himes, Horace Ankeney and Victor P. Van Horne.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—George H. Leonard, David M. Christman, John A. Seitz, Francis M. Shults, Jacob P. Stahl, James Heffley, Solomon W. Seeman, Louis B. C. Lahr, G. Wm. H. Smith and B. Frank Davis 3.

Elders.—Emanuel Alt, Isaac Strickler 3, John Kagy, Isaac Foucht, Irvin Yost, George Loucks 2, and Henry L. Crider.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Albert Gonser, Sebastian C. Goss, John J. M. Gruber, John C. Schaaf, Rufus C. Zartman and John J. Excell 4.

Elders.—Samuel Lechleiter, John C. Kremer, Abraham Dickerhoff and William H. Bahl.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Geo. W. Williard 3, D. D., Herman Rust 3, D. D., John I. Swander, D. D., John D. Neff, William A. Miller, John H. Buser 3, David A. Parks, Charles W. Good and Edwin R. Williard.

Elders.—Lewis Keller 2, Nelson L. Brewer 3, Esq., and Henry Stoner 3.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, John H. Bomberger, John M. Kendig 2, Reuben Keller, Isaiah S. Hahn, George W. Henning 2, Julius A. Tœnsmeier.

Elders.—Joseph Yeager 2, J. Hiram Smith, Michael Fox and Paul Geiger.

NOTE.—The figures attached to a name indicates the day of the sessions on which the member appeared and took his seat.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Theodore J. Bacher, William H. Xanders, Allen K. Zartman, John A. Ketrow, John V. Potts 2, John R. Skinner, William E. Ludwick and John M. Kessler.

Elder.—Frank D. Paulus.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Northern Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior.—Revs. Joseph F. Butler and Harvey L. Hart.

From Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior.—Rev. Wm. A. From.

From St. John's Classis, Central Synod.—Rev. Fred. Strassner.

From Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.—Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, Missionary in Japan.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. T. S. Huggart, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. N. T. Armstrong, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. G. W. Halderman, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. C. Spielman, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. J. T. Miller, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. W. S. Wengerd, Evangelical Church.
Rev. S. W. Schwartz, Evangelical Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *President*, Fremont, Ohio.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Rev. Sabastian C. Goss, *Cor. Secretary*, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, reported in item 1 that the General Synod directed the attention of the district synods and classes to the amended Rules of Order, and

enjoined these subordinate judicatories to revise their former action on the subject accordingly. Thereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod directs the attention of the district synods and classes to the amendments of the Rules of Order, and enjoins the subordinate judicatories to revise their former action on this subject accordingly; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a synod, hereby approve of said amendments, and adopt the Rules of Order, as now amended, for the government of the Ohio Synod, to take immediate effect; and that, as such, they be embodied in the printed minutes of this synod.

In accordance with the foregoing action, these rules, as amended, are here published as the

RULES OF ORDER OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

I. ORGANIZATION, ETC.

1. The president shall take the chair at the hour to which the judicatory had been adjourned, immediately call the members to order, and open the session with the prescribed religious services.

2. In the absence of the president the stated clerk shall call the members to order, and put in nomination a president *pro tem.*, who shall preside until the president is present, or until an election has been held. Should the president and stated clerk both be absent, then the oldest minister present shall perform this office.

3. The roll shall then be called, on which the names of all those entitled to a seat and having proper credentials shall have been entered, and about whose right there is no contest. If a quorum be present, the judicatory may proceed to business; but if not, any two members present may adjourn from time to time to give opportunity for a quorum to assemble.

4. If a contest be made as to the right of any one claiming a seat, or there be present two or more sets of delegates from a lower judicatory, the matter shall at once be referred to a committee, who shall examine into the case, and report at the earliest possible time.

5. As soon as an organization has been fully effected an election shall be held for such officers as may be required by the constitution of the church or the custom of the judicatory.

6. The limits which define the bar of the house shall be determined immediately on the organization, by the president, and no one without it shall be able to use any right of a member of the judicatory.

7. A quorum to transact business in any judicatory of the church shall consist of the number of members prescribed by the constitution.

II. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

8. When the president has opened the session and finds a quorum present after the first day, he shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read, and, if necessary, to be corrected, when he shall declare them approved; and before the final adjournment the remaining proceedings shall be read and corrected; and when no further corrections are required the president shall say: "Shall the minutes be now approved?" If no objections be made, he shall declare them to stand approved.

9. He shall preserve order, guard against the violation of the constitution of the church and the rules of order, and endeavor to conduct all business to a speedy and proper conclusion.

10. He shall, as soon as possible after the organization has been effected, appoint the several standing committees required for the prompt accomplishment of the business before the judicatory to the number designated by the constitution or its custom; and, unless otherwise provided for, he shall appoint all temporary committees that may be called for in the process of business.

11. He shall keep exact account of all items of business that have been laid over or assigned to a particular day, and call them up at the proper time.

12. He shall receive all minutes, reports, communications, etc., addressed to or intended for the judicatory, and with its consent refer them to their appropriate committees.

13. He shall sign the minutes and all addresses or circulars, etc., issued by the judicatory, and decide all questions of order subject to an appeal.

14. He may state a question sitting, but shall rise to put it, and in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say 'aye.'" After the affirmative is expressed,—"As many as are opposed say 'no.'" If in doubt as to the result, or a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise, stand, and be counted; after which those voting in the negative shall also rise, stand and be counted, when the president shall announce the result.

15. The president shall vote in all cases when the vote is by ballot, or when his vote would be decisive. In all cases of a tie the question shall be lost.

III. DUTIES OF THE STATED CLERK.

16. The stated clerk shall have prepared in advance of the time of the meetings of the judicatory a complete roll of its members, and as soon as possible perfect a roll of those members present for the use of the president.

17. He shall make a correct and concise minute of all its proceedings, and carefully preserve the same. He shall, if required, make up a correct and authenticated copy of the same, and transmit the same in due time to the higher judicatory for review. He shall read all papers

by order of the president; shall publish due notice of the time and place of all stated meetings, and, by order of the president, of all special meetings.

18. No memorial, communication or other paper confided to his care shall be withdrawn from the files without the warrant of the judicatory.

19. He shall make a digest of the legislative actions and all decisions made on constitutional questions, or the rules of order, by the judicatory, for convenient reference.

IV. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. After the minutes have been read and approved, an opportunity shall be given to announce the presence of recently arrived members or secundi, in order that they may be recognized.

21. Business unfinished at a previous session shall be first taken up, unless a special order has been set for that hour.

22. Reports from permanent committees shall have precedence, except in cases where a matter has been set for a special hour.

V. MEMBERS—THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

23. Every member shall be present within the bar of the house while the judicatory is in session, unless excused or necessarily prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless previously excused, or unless he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the determination of such question.

24. Every member, in speaking, shall rise and address himself respectfully to the president, and, being recognized, may proceed to address the judicatory. He shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the president, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject under discussion, and avoiding all personalities.

25. During the transaction of business members shall not engage in private conversation; nor in debate shall one address himself to another, or to any one present except the president.

26. When two or more members rise at the same time, the president shall name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than one hour, on the same question, unless by consent of the body. The chairman of a committee, however, may open and also close when general debate has been had on a motion reported by him. A member who has spoken to the main question may speak again to an amendment.

27. When any member, in speaking or otherwise, shall transgress the rules of order, or deviate from the subject under discussion, or in any way act disorderly, the president shall, or any member may, call him to order, when he shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, when, if the judicatory be satisfied, he may proceed in order; but if the case require it, he shall be liable to censure or reprimand.

28. No member when speaking shall be liable to interruption, except

with his permission or for the purpose of correcting a mistake or a misrepresentation.

29. While the president is putting a question, or a member is speaking, no one shall pass between the president and the speaker, or walk across the floor.

30. No motion can be made while a member is speaking, or after the president has begun to take a vote.

31. A member may change his vote if it be done before the president has announced the result, or afterward in a case where it will not affect the result.

VI. COMMITTEES—THEIR POWERS.

32. The first named member of each committee shall be the chairman, unless the committee prefer to elect their own chairman. In the absence or refusal of the first-named member to preside, the second member on the committee shall take his place, and so on as often as a vacancy may occur.

33. A committee to whom papers have been referred shall return them with its report; and no paper can go before a committee, or become matter for its action, unless it has been properly referred to it.

34. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum, and only can make a report. A minority may submit its views in writing, or any member may submit a motion that contains the view of such minority.

35. A committee may appoint one or more sub committees in order to facilitate its work, by thus distributing it among its several members, but the final report must come from the whole committee.

36. All special committees when they have made their report and it is received are by this act discharged; but a matter may be recommitted to the same committee, or it may be revived for another purpose.

37. A judicatory may at any time resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider any special matter, when the president shall name some one to preside, and vacate the chair. Such committee may rise at any time, when the president shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report its action, or report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

VII. MOTIONS—THEIR PRECEDENCE.

38. Every motion made to a judicatory and entertained by the president shall, on the demand of any member, be reduced to writing. The president shall then state the question, or cause it to be read by the clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the house, but may be withdrawn at any time before it has been amended or a decision had upon it.

39. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, but—

a. To adjourn.

b. To take recess.

c. To lie on the table.

d. To take the previous question.
e. To postpone to a certain day.
f. To refer or commit.
g. To amend.
h. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order named; and no motion to refer, postpone to a certain day, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be allowed again on the same day at the same stage of the question.

40. On the demand of any member before a question is put, it shall be divided, if it include two distinct substantive propositions, but a motion to strike out and insert is not divisible.

41. When different motions are made with respect to filling blanks, the longest time and the largest sum shall be first put.

42. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it has been seconded and the mover recognized by the president.

VIII. AMENDMENTS.

43. When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order, and it shall also be in order to offer a further amendment in the form of a substitute for the entire proposition, and to this substitute an amendment may be offered, but which shall not be voted upon until the original motion is perfected.

44. A motion to amend can not be modified after the previous question is seconded.

45. An amendment to the rules of order shall not be entertained unless it be seconded by a majority of the members present.

IX. RECONSIDERATION.

46. When a motion or resolution has been offered and carried or lost, it shall be in order for any member (who has voted with the majority on the same or succeeding day) to move the reconsideration thereof, and such motion shall take precedence of all motions, except to adjourn or to take recess.

47. A motion to reconsider is not debatable, unless the question proposed to be reconsidered was debatable.

X. THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

48. The previous question on any motion, after a reasonable time has been allowed to discuss it, may be called. The call to be entertained, must be made by at least one-fifth of the members present, rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? And until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendment or debate on the main question. The effect of this motion, when sustained, shall be to bring the judicatory to a direct vote on all the amendments then pending in their proper order, and on the main question itself.

49. The previous question shall apply in cases of privilege, as in other cases.

XI. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

50. Questions of privilege shall be: 1. Those affecting the rights of the judicatory collectively; its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings. 2. The rights, the reputation and conduct of the members individually in their representative capacity. And shall have precedence of all questions, except to adjourn and to take recess.

51. It shall not be a matter of privilege to have received and entered upon the minutes a protest of a member or members against the action of a judicatory.

52. Any member who may feel himself personally aggrieved by the action of a judicatory, may, if he require it, have the ayes and nays recorded on the matter of grievance.

XII. APPEALS.

53. An appeal from the decision of the president on any point of order may be taken by any member, who may briefly state the reasons for his appeal, and to which the president may reply, if he deem it needful, and the vote shall be taken without further debate. The form of stating the question shall be: "*Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of this judicatory?*"

54. A question of appeal can not be reconsidered after other business has been done.

55. An appeal is not in order while another appeal is pending.

XIII. THE MOTION TO LIE ON THE TABLE.

56. The motion to lie on the table may be used to make room for more important matters, in order to take up the matter at a more convenient time, or quickly to make a final disposition of it.

57. This motion takes precedence of all other motions, except to adjourn and take recess, and shall be decided without debate.

58. All that adheres to the subject of the motion goes on the table with it, except it be a motion to correct the minutes.

59. When this motion is made and lost, it can not again be made until some change or alteration has been made in the question under consideration.

60. A negative vote on a motion to lie on the table may be reconsidered; but if a vote to reconsider be laid on the table, that can not be reconsidered.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS.

61. The rules of order may be suspended by unanimous consent.

62. A motion to amend the rules of order shall lie over one day, and it shall require a two-third vote to carry the amendment.

63. Any judicatory may sit with closed doors if, in its judgment, the matter under consideration require.

64. Election for officers, delegates to higher judicatories, members of boards, etc., shall be by ballot; but a judicatory may make such elections by acclamation, as do not conflict with any existing law.

65. It shall not be in order for less than a quorum to take recess.

66. A motion to take recess may be offered while another question is pending, or while the floor is held by another member with his consent.

67. The motion to adjourn, to take recess, to lie on the table, and for the previous question, shall be taken without debate.

68. The ayes and nays on any question shall be recorded on the demand of any member.

69. Before the final adjournment of any judicatory the roll shall be called, and all members absent without permission shall, by the stated clerk, be reported to the body which they were sent to represent.

70. At the final adjournment, after the judicatory has united with the president in the repetition of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, he shall pronounce the apostolic benediction, and declare the judicatory now adjourned, to meet as already ordered.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first seven pews in front of the church.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod were as follows:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock. and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two o'clock, and close at half-past four o'clock.

There was also a session on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Revs. G. Wm. H. Smith, Charles W. Good, Louis B. C. Lahr; Elders Henry L. Crider and George Loucks.

SYNODICAL MINUTES:

1. *Minutes of Ohio Synod.*—Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, John H. Bomberger, Theodore J. Bacher; Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Irvin Yost.

2. *Minutes of General Synod.*—Revs. Jerome B. Henry, Allen K. Zartman, William A. Miller; Elders John C. Kremer and Henry L. Crider.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. George H. Leonard, Jacob P. Stahl, John A. Seitz; Elders John Kagy and Wesley Pence.

Overtures.—Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, William H. Xanders, Dr. Herman Rust; Elders Horace Ankeney and Samuel Lechleiter.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. Dr. Henry M. Herman, James Heffley, William H. Shults; Elders Victor P. Van Horne and Isaac Foucht.

State of Religion.—Revs. Prof. Edwin R. Williard, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Wm. E. Ludwick; Elders William H. Bahl and Robert Miller.

Missions.—Revs. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Francis M. Shults, David A. Parks; Elders Horace Ankeney and Emanuel Alt.

Theological Seminary and Education.—Revs. John J. Leberman, George H. Leonard, Allen K. Zartman; Elders Victor P. Van Horne and Horace Ankeney.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. George H. Souder, Louis B. C. Lahr, John C. Schaaf; Elders Abraham Dickerhoff and Michael Fox.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Revs. John R. Skinner, James H. Steele, John J. M. Gruber; Elders Wesley Pence and J. Hiram Smith.

Publication.—Revs. David W. Ebbert, Albert Gonser, Isaiah S. Hahn; Elders Victor P. Van Horne and Paul Geiger.

Finance.—Revs. Alpheus E. Baichly, John D. Neff, David M. Christman; Elders Harvey Venus and John Kagy.

Nominations.—Revs. John D. Neff, George H. Leonard, William H. Shults; Elders Eli Diehl and Lewis Keller.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received and respectively referred:

1. The minutes of the classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes,

except the reports on the state of religion and statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its treasurer, together with the reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. A communication from the Secretary and the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and some other documents relating to foreign missions were received and referred to a special committee.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, and the report of the Permanent Committee, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

5. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and of the financial agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Some other communications and papers bearing on different subjects were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and action thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, namely:

1. The synod spent the first half hour of each morning session, except Wednesday morning, in devotional services, and the sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submit-

ted the following report, which was received and, as amended, adopted:

The Standing Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following:

The programme ordered by the synod at Cedarville, Illinois, was carried into effect as far as practicable, with a few changes adopted in the printed programme prepared by the pastor loci, namely:

Grace Reformed Church.—Tuesday evening, the opening sermon by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, Ohio. Wednesday evening, sermon on Christian Education by Rev. Prof. E. R. Williard, Tiffin, Ohio. Thursday evening, Woman's Missionary Society, address by Mrs. Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, Ohio, and an essay by Mrs. Prof. C. O. Knepper, Tiffin, Ohio. Friday evening, address on Foreign Missions by Rev. A. D. Gring, missionary at Tokio, Japan. Saturday at 2 P. M., preparatory sermon by Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, Ohio, and liturgical service by Rev. A. E. Baichly, Farmersville, Ohio. Saturday evening, an address on missions by Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., Fremont, Ohio. Sunday, 10:00 A. M., address to Sunday-school by N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, Ohio, and Rev. A. E. Baichly. Communion service, 10:30 A. M., sermon by Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., and liturgical service by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D. Sunday evening, Sunday-school service: report of Board of Sunday-schools, read by Rev. A. E. Baichly, president of the board, and addresses by N. L. Brewer, Esq., and Rev. J. H. Steele.

The pulpits of other churches were filled on Sunday as follows:

English Lutheran.—Morning, Rev. E. R. Williard, and evening, Rev. J. J. Leberman.

Methodist Episcopal.—Morning, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.

Presbyterian.—Morning, Rev. S. C. Goss, and evening, Rev. A. Gonser.

Evangelical.—Morning, Rev. I. S. Hahn.

Reform Farm.—Morning, Rev. G. H. Souder and Rev. J. B. Henry.

Basil.—Rev. John R. Skinner.

Sugar Grove.—Rev. John M. Kendig.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. H. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Standing Committee, were severally observed.

On motion, during the final session, it was

Resolved, That immediately after the place for the next annual meeting of synod shall have been selected, the president shall appoint the Standing Committee on Religious Services, whose duty it shall be to arrange a programme of services, notify those who are to participate therein at least four weeks previous to the annual meeting, and report to the next synod during the first day of the sessions.

The committee consists of Revs. Edward M. Beck, Prof. Edwin R. Williard, Alpheus E. Baichly, Louis B. C. Lahr, and Elder Harvey Venus.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, and two copies of the Minutes of the General Synod, were received through the Stated Clerk, and respectively referred to the standing Committees on Synodical Minutes:

I. MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes have examined the printed Minutes of the Ohio Synod of 1886, and find the following named items worthy of note; which are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Item 1, page 9. A Committee of which Rev. G. W. H. Smith is the chairman, was appointed to arrange a program of Religious Services for the sessions of this Synod.

Item 2, page 29. *a*. The election of the Rev. J. B. Henry, Missionary Superintendent; and *b*., the Board of Home Missions was instructed to extend a call to the Superintendent elect.

Item 3, page 35. The President of the Faculty of the Theo-

logical Seminary, directed to submit an annual report of the condition and internal working of the seminary to its Board of Trustees.

Item 4, page 71. Synod appointed, according to resolution page 71, the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, consisting of Revs. G. H. Leonard, D. M. Christman and A. E. Baichly, and Elder Horace Ankeney, to prepare the annual report to be presented at this synod.

Item 5, page 80. A Standing Committee on Temperance to report a paper at this meeting of synod: Rev. S. B. Yockey, chairman.

Item 6, page 82. The stated clerk was requested to tender the thanks of this synod to the several railroad companies for granting its delegates reduced fare.

Item 7, page 67. The appointment of a delegate to the the Central Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 adopted, and for report as amended see Article VII., Religious Services; items 2, including *a* and *b*, and 4 adopted; item 3 adopted, and the President of the Theological Seminary, in view of his continued illness, was excused from furnishing the required report; for report in items 5 and 7 see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous; item 6 adopted, the duty assigned having been attended to.

II. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, submitted the following report, which was received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole:

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod would report that they have examined the said minutes, and find the following items claiming the attention of this synod:

Item 1, page 9. The district synods and classes have their attention directed to the amended Rules of Order, and that these subordinate judicatories are enjoined to revise their former action on the subject accordingly.

Item 2, page 69. The cause of Home Missions is commended to the several district synods and their respective boards, and they are requested to take such action as will serve to increase liberality and activity in this respect.

Item 3, page 70. The district synods are required (1) to confine their missionary operations to their own territory, and (2) to transfer as soon as possible the missions now operated by them to the Board of the General Synod.

Item 4, page 70 and 71. The district synods are requested to carry forward their Home Mission work in such a manner as to open the way for the unification of our home missionary operations under the Board of the General Synod at the earliest practical date.

Item 5, page 71 and 72. The General Synod (1) approves of the organization of Women's Missionary Societies, (2) desires that such societies carry on their work in harmony with and under the direction of the Boards of the District Synods and of the General Synod, &c., and (3) that said boards may assign to said societies certain missions, both home and foreign.

Item 6, page 90. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is commended to the synods, with the request that a collection be raised for the use of the society in the month of September.

Item 7, page 95. The district synods are to take such action as will enable the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod to issue for the whole church an Instructor for teachers, Lesson Helps for schools, and Sunday-school papers.

Item 8, page 97. General Synod appoints the second Sunday in June and the second Sunday in September as Children's Days, and requests their observance according to preference.

Item 9, page 157. The addition of one column to the statistical table, in which the number of Sunday-school teachers and officers shall be given.

Item 10, page 163. The apportionment of $610.82 to the Ohio Synod for different purposes.

Item 11, page 167. The district synods are called upon to unite with the General Synod in zealous and persistent Christian efforts to exterminate the evil of intemperance.

Item 12, pages 165 and 169. The next triennial meeting of the General Synod will be held in the First Reformed Church at Lebanon, Pa., on Wednesday, May 28, A. D., 1890, at 7.30 p. m. Respectfully submitted,

JEROME B. HENRY, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 adopted, and for action thereon see Article IV., Rules of Order; items 2 and 4 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; item 6 adopted, and for report thereon see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in item 7 see Article XVII., Sunday-schools; item 10 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. See Article XXII., Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes appointed at the last annual meeting of synod, would respectfully report concerning the subjects required by the constitution of our church, and in the proper order:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Miami Classis enrolls the name of the Rev. J. V. Lerch on the list of its ministers without any record of his being regularly received.

2. St. Joseph Classis received the Rev. John M. Kessler without any record of the classis from which he was dismissed.

3. Tuscarawas Classis appointed a Licentiate on a Committee of Installation.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLASSES TO SYNOD.

4. Tuscarawas Classis overtures Synod to apportion among the various classes the amount necessary to pay for the Minutes of Synod.

Synod in the United States; dismissed Rev. W. E. Ludwick to Miami Classis.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

23. Miami Classis will meet in Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, on the last Thursday before full moon in the month of May, 1888, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. W. H. Shults, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

24. Lancaster Classis will meet in Delaware, Ohio, on the first Thursday before full moon in the month of May, 1888, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. G. W. H. Smith, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

25. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Reedsburg, Ohio, on the first Thursday in June, 1888, at 3 P. M., Rev. Solomon Ream, President; Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, Stated Clerk; Elder Ephraim K. Kremer, Treasurer.

26. Tiffin Classis will meet at Payne, Paulding County, Ohio, on the fourth Thursday in May, 1888, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. I. A. Sites, President; Rev. J. D. Neff, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

27. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in Springfield Church of the Springfield Charge, Mahoning County, Ohio, on the first Thursday before the first full moon in May, 1888, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. John H. Bomberger, President; Rev. R. B. Reichard, Stated Clerk; Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

28. St. Joseph Classis will meet in Plymouth, Ind., on Wednesday before the last Sabbath in May, 1888, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. A. K. Zartman, President; Rev. J. R. Skinner, Stated Clerk; Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items adopted, 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28; in item 4 the request of Tuscarawas Classis was not granted; item 5 was adopted, and the said action of St. Joseph Classis was confirmed; item 7 was adopted, and Lancaster Classis was not excused; item 8 adopted, and for report thereon see Article XXII., Finance; item 17 adopted, and for result reached in the case see Article XVIII., Appeals and References.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed to report on said minutes to the synod during its next annual meeting, consists of Revs. John J. Leberman, John M. Kendig and John J. M. Gruber.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, presented their report, which was received and taken up item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole:

The committee into whose hands the various overtures to this synod were committed, having examined the same, submit the following items for your consideration and action:

Item 1. Is the letter of dismissal of Rev. Henry Shrader, of the Central Ohio Conference of the United Brethren Church, and his recommendation to the Reformed Church.

Item 2. Is the request to be excused for non-attendance upon the sessions of this synod by Rev. John Stuck.

Item 3. Is a paper from Rev. John V. Potts, accompanied by a copy of his book, entitled "The Otterbein Movement," asking for encouragement in the sale of the same.

Item 4. Is the official notice of the organization of the "Synod of the Interior," and a statement of its aim and friendly greetings.

Item 5. Is an official paper from the Central Synod containing its action on the subject of Foreign Missions, and seeking the co-operation of this synod to the same end.

Item 6. The Synod of the Interior assumes $73 of General Synod's apportionment to the Ohio Synod, on account of the Contingent Fund.

Item 7. Is the action of the same synod touching the subject of Home Missions, having special reference to the

raising of funds for and disbursing the same among the missions within its own bounds.

Item 8. Is a paper from Prof. Frank Wetzel, President of the Board of Trustees of the College of Northern Illinois, containing a statement of their financial situation and asking the co-operation of this synod in the liquidation of their debt.

Item 9. Is the annual statement of W. E. Schmertz, President of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphan Home, calling for continued sympathy, prayers and gifts.

Item 10. Is the action of the Synod in the United States touching the preparation of lessons and lesson helps for use in the schools throughout the bounds of the entire church.

Item 11. *a.* Is a paper from the ladies within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, complying with the request of synod at Cedarville, Ill., in organizing a Synodical Woman's Missionary Society. *b.* They hereby ask recognition as helpers in the great work of missions. *c.* A request for the clergy to assist in organizing Women's Missionary Societies in such classes where none exist.

Item 12. Is a paper from the President of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod, asking this synod to defray the expenses of Mrs. Yockey and Mrs. Knepper in complying with synod's request.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 adopted, and for action in the case see Article XI., Examination, &c.; in item 2 the request to be excused was granted; for action in item 3 and 4 see Article XX., Church Government; for action in item 8 see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous; for disposition of item 5 and 7 see Article XIII., Missions; item 6 was referred to the Committee on Finance, whose report see; for action in item 9 see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in item 10 see Article XVII., Sunday-Schools; items 11 and 12 were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would offer the following report:

The only candidate presented to your committee for examination was the Rev. Henry Shrader, a regularly ordained minister of the church of the United Brethren in Christ. His papers of dismissal from said church were regular and in order. Your committee examined him in the doctrines of the Reformed Church and found him to be deficient to such an extent that they would offer the following suggestion:

Resolved, That Rev. Henry Shrader be referred to the Classis of Lancaster, under whose supervision he shall be required to study theology for at least one year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the evening session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN OF SYNOD:—As we review another year's work for Christ in the manifold departments of churchly activity, the first impulse of the true Christian heart is that of devout, profound gratitude. "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks; for, that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." God's works in nature inspire us with reverence and awe; but the operations of his grace, especially in his blessed church, may well call out our truest thanksgivings.

The past year has been one of ceaseless activity in the various classes of synod. And, while we feel confident that it has not been a millennial year, "with Satan bound and shut up, and the great seal set upon him so that he should deceive the

nations no more," yet we do feel that we have been living and toiling for Christ in a grand and blessed time; a time of great duties, great possibilities, great mercies and blessings, great joys and a precious hope amid all the trials and spiritual discipline through which God has allowed us to pass.

The reports spread before us tell of the general health of the ministry; how they have preached the Word and administered the sacraments; how the Sunday-school work and the devotional services of the church have been emphasized; how the pure, warm love of woman and her persistent, unfaltering faith and devotion to Christ and the church have intensified, at a most opportune period in our history as a church, the rising tide of missionary spirit and enthusiasm; how Children's Day and the Christmas and Easter Festivals have been seasons of spiritual joy and holy fruitage among our Sunday-schools; and the statistics show at least the average results of a year's synodical work for Christ.

Taking a general outlook of the Reformed Church in the Ohio Synod, we are convinced that perhaps our greatest hope now is in the fact, that possibly never before in our history have we been so thoroughly aroused and so profoundly moved as to the immediate duties and responsibilities that weigh upon us as a church. Realizing that this next year's work will necessarily go far towards shaping our destiny for a decade and possibly for a whole generation, we certainly can hope that, out of the profound convictions as to the duties and responsibilities of the hour, there shall be large and generous things done for Zion's welfare.

We feel grateful to God and we believe that our people are to be commended for the spirit and practice of benevolence. While the past five years have been times of special demands upon the liberality of the church particularly because of the erection of our magnificent new college building and the enlargement of our missionary work, yet we are glad to know that the people have liberally brought their offerings and gifts unto the Lord. This indicates that we are holding fast to the genuine principles of our faith, namely, that giving is an essential part of worship, and that systematic giving should be preached and practiced among our people.

It behooves us to give special thanks to God for the preservation of the lives of the ministry. When we realize that

there has been only a very slight increase in the number of ministers during the past year, the life and health of each and every workman is of vital moment to us. It is, therefore, with deep regret that we report the death of one of our beloved ministerial brethren, Rev. J. Klingler. He has fallen asleep in Christ; he was faithful in his work for the Master; and those who are faithful unto death are assured of the crown of life. He "shall shine as the stars forever and ever." "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports on the subject of missions were received, duly considered, and also adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.

To the Ohio Synod:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—It is with pleasure and humble gratitude that we offer our annual report, believing as we do that, whilst the year's record shows some losses—the harvest of errors in judgment for the sowing of which we are not responsible—yet there has been a steady advance in our mission-field as a whole. The majority of our mission points have never stood upon a firmer basis, nor been more satisfactorily manned. One of our mission-experiments, that at Holton, Kans., after mature deliberation, has been dropped for the present from our list of appropriations, the work there seeming to make no headway, and to offer no promise.

Another, that at Sabetha, Kansas, has been removed from our list, having become able to stand alone through the faithful ministrations of Rev. A. G. Lohman, who has literally sacrificed himself to the cause, having been compelled to retire from the active ministry in consequence of bronchial troubles. A third, Liberty Center, O., has become self-sustaining. Whilst our former mission-roll has been decreased

by the dropping of these two, five new missions have been added to it, giving us at present eighteen. We feel assured that the condition and prospects of these new recruits amply justify the favorable action taken by the board on their application.

We still labor under the disadvantage incident to a vacant mission-superintendency, Rev. J. B. Henry, after careful deliberation, having declined the call to that office extended to him by your reverend body one year ago.

We offer the following outline sketch of the present standing of the missions now under our care:

1. *Jerusalem Mission.* This mission is now vacant, Rev. F. M. Shults, who has served it with so much energetic zeal and pronounced success for some years, having been transferred to the Lima Mission. The charge now numbers two hundred and three members, thirty-eight accessions having been reported for the last year. Believing that, in consequence of its altered circumstances, through internal growth, and some proposed reconstruction work, this charge no longer stands in need of aid from the board, we have referred to the classis within whose bounds it lies, and hope shortly to be able to report that the historic Jerusalem Mission has been permanently removed from our mission schedule and placed upon a firm basis of independence.

2. *Greenville Mission.* This mission also seems to have entered upon a new era of prosperity and promise under the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Ludwick, who commenced his labors here during the past year. Unprecedented harmony seems to prevail amongst the membership, to whose number six have been added since the last report. The financial status of this point is encouraging, about $400 having been raised aside from the contributions for the pastor's support. The appropriation for the first year of the present pastorate (beginning April 1887) is $200.

3. *Paulding Mission.* The report of this mission must be somewhat indefinite, as heretofore the continued efforts of the board have failed to secure sufficiently detailed statistics, and we are unable to supplement a comparatively meagre report from the classical tables as we find the same lack there. Nevertheless, the general tenor of such data as we have seems to be encouraging. There have been nineteen additions to

the membership within the year. Rev. J. W. Barber, Payne, O., is the missionary in charge. Appropriation $250.

4. *Lima, O.* This point has been unoccupied for more than eighteen months. Still your board believes itself to be free from all culpability in the premises. Amid widely differing convictions, and conflicting advice, we have endeavored to promote the Master's interests and those of the Reformed Church in this locality. Almost as much time and thought and effort have been expended on this one field as on all our other mission-fields combined. Until recently we made many unavailing efforts to secure a missionary, and were well-nigh discouraged by the futility of our attempts. Within the last few weeks, however, Rev. F. M. Shults being warmly recommended, for the peculiar demands of the work there, by various members of your synod, has been prevailed on to enter upon the arduous labors of that field. We have commissioned him, praying and hoping that the Master may again so bless his efforts as to permit us to reap an abundant harvest from another of the heretofore wasteful places of our beloved Zion. Heidelberg and Washington congregations have become an integral part of the Lima Charge. The appropriation is $500.

5. *Ft. Wayne, Ind.* Rev. T. J. Bacher. This mission has been called upon to experience "troublous times" for some part of the past year. Reports from them of late, however, seem to indicate that the mission has at last come successfully through them. The net increase of membership for the past year has been eight. The debt resting upon the mission at the beginning of the year has been diminished by nearly half, and the congregation expects to cancel the balance within the next few months. Appropriation $600.

6. *Kentland, Ind.* Rev. L. P. Gross. This charge reports one hundred and four members. The field, in consequence of its comparative isolation, and lack of the support and encouragement of Reformed traditions and surroundings, is a somewhat trying one. It seems, however, to be holding its own. Appropriation $300.

7. *Lyons, Kansas.* Rev. Amos Casselman; pastorate commencing September, 1887. The Lyons Mission, which has been lying at the point of death for some time, has already, in the first month of the present efficient pastorate,

given very hopeful indications of revival. The membership, including a handful who are identified with the organization at Sterling, (a town about ten miles from Lyons) about forty in all have rallied 'round the new pastor right royally, and your board feels extremely sanguine of most gratifying results. For the present the missionary will hold services monthly at Sterling. It has been determined, however, by those composing that organization, eventually to abandon it. Many of them live nearly midway between Lyons and Sterling; and all of them consent to give their financial support and influence to the Lyons organization. There are already ten congregations in Sterling, the population of the town being only 2,500. Our mission has a good church building in Lyons. Population 3,000. Appropriation $650.

8. *Wathena-Baker Mission.* Rev. F. H. Keller. The condition of the mission is very favorable. Bro. Keller reports a healthy growth and a prevailing good feeling. A large class of catechumens will be confirmed October 30. Appropriation $100.

9. *Altamont, Ill.* Rev. Joshua Wolbach. This point seems to have received a new lease of life. The present pastor, since his entrance on the work, April 1, 1887, by his vigorous aggressiveness, seems to have inspired the people with new zeal. Six accessions have been made during the year. The immediate future promises an encouraging outcome. Bro. Wolbach's labors are arduous while his compensation is wholly inadequate. Appropriation $250.

10. *Liberty Center, O.* Vacant. An encouraging accession to the membership has been made—twenty having been received during the year. The names on the communicant list now number one hundred and twenty-four. Over against these cheering features, however, the pastor reports some discouraging facts, amongst them some internal dissensions, which threaten to involve some of the members in scandal-breeding litigation. It is hoped that our Master may overrule these experiences for the good of those concerned. The two years for which the board arranged to aid this point have expired. The mission passes off our list with the present month.

11. *Venice Mission, O.* Vacant. This charge was made vacant some months since by the resignation of Rev. Shaw.

Reconstruction measures are contemplated by Tiffin Classis, which will probably make this point self-sustaining.

12. *Colon, Mich.* Rev. J. H. Albright. The news from Colon is gratifying. There have been large additions during the year. The missionary is sanguine of continued success. Appropriation $175.

13. *Neriah Mission, (Erie Mich.)* Vacant. Rev. Freeman Ware, who last filled this post, states that the prospects of the mission are far from bright. Several ministers have visited the charge with a view to settling there, but as yet no settlement has been effected. The appropriation has been $100.

14. *Dayton, O.* This congregation has been so prominently before the church of late that little needs be said here. In growth and prospects it is beyond doubt, our "banner" mission. Rev. D. W. Ebbert has recently entered upon its pastorate under most auspicious circumstances. The membership numbers 118, with all prospects of rapid increase. Appropriation $600.

15. *Damascus Mission.* Rev. Jos. Sechler, Lena, Ill. Has but just been taken under the care of the board. Membership forty-eight. Appropriation $200.

16. *Redfield, Dakota.* Rev. F. W. Stump. After laboring in this field for several years, largely at his own expense, the board responded favorably to the request of the missionary for a $500 appropriation, subject to an annual decrease of $100. There are two organizations of twenty-six members, with four additional preaching places from which Bro. Stump hopes shortly, by consolidation, to form a third congregation.

17. *Ada Mission.* Rev. I. A. Sites. The prospects here are brightening. A house of worship is about to be erected in Ada, and when this has been accomplished it is confidently expected that this point will push steadily forward. Appropriation $235.

18. *Warren Mission, (Ohio).* Vacant. This charge is the outcome of recent reconstruction efforts within the bounds of the Canfield-Warren charge of Eastern Ohio Classis. No pastor has as yet been secured. Appropriation $300.

The board would respectfully ask for instructions as to

what disposition is to be made of mission points lying within the bounds of the newly constituted Interior Synod.

For the maintainance of the missions now under our care for the coming year $5,500 must be forthcoming.

Synod is reminded that the terms of Rev. J. J. Leberman and Rev. Jno. M. Kendig expire at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BOMBERGER,
President Board of Home Mission.

2. Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 14, 1886, to October 25, 1887.*

DR.

To cash on hand October 14, 1886	$83 10	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.,	699 39	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer,	719 25	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard,	599 90	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn,	297 28	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. D. Neff,	181 45	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. T. J. Bacher,	75 00	
Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. J. Sechler,	83 18	
Kansas Classes, Rev. D. B. Shuey,	62 69	
Ursinus Union, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D.,	267 00	
Bequest of Fred. Goodman, Warren Ohio,	50 00	
John A. Keller, Wood County, Ohio,	10 00	
Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Williard, D. D., Christmas gift,	10 00	
Rev. J. C. Klar, New Bedford charge,	18 16	
Rev. P. D. Schory, Lancaster, Ohio,	10 00	
Rev. J. T. Hale,	15 00	
Daniel Keen & Bro., Juda, Wis.,	4 00	
		3,185 40

CR.

Rev. F. Ware,	75 00	
Rev. H. Shumaker,	251 88	
Rev. J. H. Albright,	205 00	
Rev. R. C. Zartman,	7 00	
Rev. E. P. Herbruck,	2 25	
Rev. J. J. Leberman,	6 70	
Rev. F. H. Keller,	252 35	
Rev. F. M. Shults,	112 28	
Rev. J. F. Butler,	124 86	
Rev. L. P. Gross,	271 52	
Rev. J. W. Barber,	185 00	
Rev. S. Shaw,	112 50	
Rev. I. A. Sites,	174 60	
Carried forward	$1,780 93	

Amount brought forward	$1,780 94	
Rev. J. M. Kessler,	83 34	
Rev. T. J. Bacher,	489 52	
Rev. S. C. Goss,	9 95	
Rev. J. H. Bomberger,	7 00	
Rev. J. M. Kendig,	7 05	
Rev. G. C. Gerlach,	50 00	
Rev. A. G. Lehman,	75 00	
Rev. J. Wolbach,	146 65	
Rev. W. E. Ludwick,	130 67	
Rev. A. Casselman,	50 00	
Rev. F. W. Stump,	100 00	
Rev. D. W. Ebbert,	132 20	
Rev. J. Sechler,	50 00	
Postage, exchange and stationery,	16 50	
Cash on hand,	57 17	
		$3,185 40

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. Report of Board of Church Erection.

The Board of Church Erection herewith presents its annual report, and as usual we are compelled to say that we have been able to do very little because of the lack of funds. The board held frequent meetings during the year to discuss matters and endeavor to awaken a deeper interest in the work of Church Extension. While very little aggressive work has been done, yet we are pleased to notice that there is the beginning of an interest in the matter which may grow to such proportions as will result in good at last. Many of the pastors are beginning to see the importance of more and better work in this direction, and are presenting the cause to their people. Unless this is done more generally the work might as well be abandoned. We believe that the main cause of so little interest in the work is the neglect of the pastors to inform their people of the nature and extent of the work. There are congregations whose only information about the work is the annual statement of the pastor that their apportionment for Church Erection is so much.

During the year the board prepared and published a Church Erection service, with the hope that it might help to bring about what the board desires—more enthusiasm in the work. This service is to be furnished free of charge to all churches or Sunday-schools who desire to use it, and who will take up a collection for Church Erection. At the meeting of synod at Cedarville about $300 were subscribed to what was called the

Progressive Church Erection Fund. This amount has not yet all been paid in, we believe, however, that it will be, and the fund should be increased several hundred dollars at the present meeting of synod. The money subscribed was to be used for some special work, and, though the amount in hand was small, yet it was invested in a lot upon which a chapel is to be built in Ada, Ohio. This was done at the earnest solicitation of the Board of Missions and of Tiffin Classis. The lot purchased cost $500. Of this $200 is to be paid by the 1st of November, the balance in one year. It will require a little extra effort to collect the balance, and we trust it will be done before Synod adjourns. This is only the beginning of a work which may by care on the part of the board and the blessing of God lead to more and greater work in this direction. The heavy debt resting upon the board is a great impediment in the way, and synod should devise some way by which it could be wiped out, and then, with a clean record, the board might move on to more efficient work. Who knows what with perseverance and the help of God, we could accomplish in the work of Church Extension. It is true our church is not so large numerically, nor are we foremost in wealth, but in true earnestness and piety we are behind none. If we are earnest and aggressive, we shall find that the little plant will grow into a mighty tree; and churches established here and there over the land and filled with eager worshipers will be evidence of this. We ask synod to urge upon the pastoral charges the necessity of promptly collecting their apportionments for this cause. The board also asks synod to make the following changes and amendments to its constitution:

1. The following substitute for Article VI. of the constitution: There shall be at least two regular meetings of the board each year. One for organization, etc., shall be held either at or soon after synod; the other meeting shall be held in the spring. These meetings shall always be held in a community where there is a Reformed congregation, and, except when the Board meets for organization at synod, the business sessions of the board shall be held during the day, and the evening shall be devoted to a public meeting in behalf of the Church Erection cause. The officers of the board shall constitute an Executive Committee to make all necessary arrangements for the evening meetings. It shall be the duty of the

secretary of the board to prepare a report of these public meetings for publication in the *Christian World.* Special meetings of the board may be held at any time upon the call of the officers.

II. AMENDMENTS.

1. At least once in three years a "Service" in the interest of Church Erection and suitable for use in the congregations and Sunday-schools of synod shall be published by the board.

2. After the re-organization of the board each year, a Standing Committee on Church Erection Literature shall be appointed. This committee shall consist of at least two members of the board. It shall be the special duty of this committee to secure articles on the subject of Church Erection for the *Christian World*, to prepare tracts and such other literature as the interests of the board may require, and to superintend their publication and distribution. At least four weeks before the meeting of synod, this committee shall file a written report of its work with the president of the board.

3. Every alternate year the president of the board shall, immediately after synod, have his annual report published in tract form, to which shall be appended a tabulated statement of the classical apportionments for the General Church Erection Fund of synod for the two preceding synodical years, giving both the amounts of the apportionments and the amounts actually paid by each charge up to that date.

4. Each year, after the reorganization of the board, a Standing Committee of three shall be appointed on Classical Co-operation. It shall be the duty of this committee to urge the appointment of a standing committee in each classis upon the subject and work of Church Erection. The board's committee shall co-operate with the classical committee (or with the officers of classis where no standing committee has been appointed) to agitate frequently the subject of church erection, to secure prompt payment of all apportionments for this cause, and arrange for a public meeting in the interest of the board on some evening during the annual meeting of the classis.

Respectfully submittted,

EDWARD HERBRUCK,
President Church Erection Board.

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

I. GENERAL CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 25, 1887.

DR.

1886.			
Oct.	13.	To balance in hands of Treasurer	$197 20
"	13.	To cash from Elk Creek charge	78
"	13.	" " Germantown charge	6 00
Nov.	5.	" " Valley charge, Miami Classes	10 00
"	22.	" " First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio	19 00
"	25.	" " Rev. E. K. Kremer, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis,	99 76
Dec.	2.	" " Rev. H. L. Hart, apportionment to Cedarville cong., Illinois Classis	4 04
"	20.	" " Rev. J. H. Good, Treasurer of Tiffin Classis	12 82
"	22.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in Beaver Creek charge	12 22
"	22.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Springboro charge	5 85
"	24.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. Eastern Ohio Classes	27 56
1887.			
Jan.	15.	" " The Xenia charge, Miami Classis	18 28
"	17.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. of Eastern Ohio Classis	9 53
Feb.	4.	" " " " " " "	24 52
"	11.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Germantown charge	8 00
"	15.	" " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. of Lancaster Classis	27 48
"	16.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Farmersville charge	8 00
March	1.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Valley charge	3 98
"	1.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Port Jefferson charge	11 00
"	5.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. Miami Classis, collected in the Valley charge	9 83
"	23.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. Miami Classis, collected in Farmersville charge	6 42
April	13.	" " Rev. J. H. Good, Treas. of Tiffin Classis	31 06
"	13.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. of Eastern Ohio Classis	18 70
"	28.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Farmersville charge	1 63
"	28.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Winchester congregation	1 75
"	28.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Zion Elk Creek congregation	1 10
May	9.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in Miamisburg charge	21 64
"	11.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the Fairfield charge	12 65
"	14.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the New Pittsburgh charge	22 84
"	20.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in the New Madison charge	17 55
"	21.	" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. of Tiffin Classis	28 97
		Carried forward	$580 16

		Amount brought forward	$680 16
"	21.	To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. of Lancaster Classis	15 09
June	10.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. of Eastern Ohio Classis	12 00
July	3.	" " Xenia charge, Miami Classis	3 01
Aug.	24.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. Eastern Ohio Classis	20 17
Sept.	5.	" " Xenia charge, Miami Classis	40 60
"	29.	" " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis	25 66
Oct.	3.	" " Rail Road Men's Association, Lima, Ohio, for rent of church in Lima, Ohio	42 00
"	12.	" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. of Tiffin Classis, on synod's apportionment to Tiffin Classis	67 08
"	17.	" " E. K. Kremer, Treas. of Tuscarawas Classis	75 00
"	18.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis, collected in Trinity congregation	8 20
"	22.	" " E. K. Kremer, Treas. of Tuscarawas Classis, collected in Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio	16 00
			$1,004 92

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 25, 1887.

1886. CR.

Dec.	2.	Paid Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman	$4 85	
"	2.	" Reformed Publishing Company	1 00	
"	11.	" Mrs. E. Sandoé, interest on note,	60 00	
"	11.	" Rev. G. W. Williard, interest on note	250 00	
1887.				
April	8.	" W. K. Boon & Co	103 20	
"	8.	" A. E. Baxter, jr.,	42 95	
"	14.	" Rev. G. W. Williard, interest	50 00	
June	25.	" Rev. E. Herbruck	4 00	
"	25.	" Rev. J. B. Henry	3 00	
"	30.	" Reformed Publishing Company	50 00	
Oct.	1.	" Balance on Organ for Lima Mission	15 00	
"	1.	" Rev. G. W. Williard, interest on note	227 00	
"	5.	" Rev. E. R. Williard	11 40	
		A. H. Baughman, expenses to meetings of Board	5 00	
		Postage and Stationery	1 25	
				$828 65
		In Treasurer's hands		176 27
				$1,004 92

II. PROGRESSIVE CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 25, 1887.

1886. DR.

Dec.	2.	To cash from Cedarville congregation (Illinois) collection had at meeting of Ohio Synod	$25 00
"	2.	" " Rev. J. H. Bomberger	10 00
"	2.	" " Rev. I. A. Sites	10 00
"	2.	" " P. J. Burtner	10 00
"	8.	" " Germantown congregation	11 74
1887.			
Jan.	10.	" " Rev. E. R. Williard	10 00
Mar.	25.	" " Rev. Amos Casselman	10 00
April	13.	" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Fostoria	5 00
May	14.	" " Harvey Venus	10 00
June	10.	" " Rev. J. R. Skinner	10 00
Aug.	12.	" " Rev. N. W. Bloom	5 00
		Carried forward	$116 74

				Amount brought forward	$116 74
Sept.	29.	To cash	from	Rev. G. H. Leonard	10 00
Aug.	18.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Souder	10 00
"	29.	"	"	Rev. H. Bair	10 00
"	31.	"	"	L. H. Diehl	10 00
Oct.	8.	"	"	Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.,	10 00
"	12.	"	"	Rev. D. S. Fouse	10 00
"	12.	"	"	Rev. L. M. Kerscher, Broken Sword charge	7 80
"	12.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Shuford	5 00
"	14.	"	"	Tiffin Sunday-school classes	5 00
"	14.	"	"	Viona Sunday-school	2 00
"	25.	"	"	Horace Ankeney	10 00
"	25.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Stepler, rent for use of Lima church for six months	36 00
"	26.	"	"	Rev. F. M. Shults	5 00
"	26.	"	"	Rev. J. P. Stahl	10 00
"	26.	"	"	Rev. H. L. Hart	5 00
"	26.	"	"	Rev. I. A. Sites	5 00
					$267 54

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the morning session on Friday, including a part of the afternoon session, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and, together with the reports of Boards of Home Missions and of Church Erection, and of their treasurers, adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Missions would report as follows:

The following named documents have been referred to us: 1. The report of the Board of Home Missions. 2. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. 3. A letter from the Synod of the Interior requesting instruction as to arrangement of mission work between that and the Ohio Synod. 4. The report of the Board of Church Erection. 5. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection.

I. MISSIONS.

The report of the President of the Board is full of hope. The record is that the gains are far greater than the losses, and that several of the stations have become self-sustaining during the year. This is certainly gratifying. While not the full amount has been collected which was asked for a year ago, yet by the judicious management of the board the fields

receiving attention and aid have nearly all been kept in a most hopeful condition, and we trust that during the year now beginning, many other points may gain sufficient strength and courage to stand alone, so that the limited funds with which the board must manage may be applied to other new points where we have great reason to believe such aid would avail much for the future honor and power of the Reformed Church. As of the eighteen missions now under the care of the board, quite a number are receiving only small amounts, we hope that they may very soon pass off this list, and the above desired privilege afforded the board of exploring new territory and giving timely aid to the helpless scattered abroad.

In comparing the treasurer's report of the present year with that of the previous year we find that the receipts are on the increase. However the actual amount of increase is not the most assuring, and we need only be reminded that a very little more indifference and the very slightest decrease in the gifts of a number of our churches would land us below the present standard, to our shame and to the most positive detriment of the sacred interests of this important board. Let our humble but earnest prayer to God be, that he may keep us from falling into a state of indifference, a decreased enthusiasm, and may our every energy be directed in the line of our petition that more liberal things may be devised and that in the providence of God new fountains of help will open to the strengthening of our heart in charity and love.

We would ask your consideration of the following under this head:

1. The treasurer's report has been carefully examined, and being found correct we hereby ask its adoption.

2. That as the board most positively and unequivocally claims that to satisfy the pressing demands for aid, $5,500 must be forthcoming, we would recommend that this amount be apportioned among the several classes.

3. The terms of office of Revs. J. J. Leberman and J. M. Kendig expire at this meeting of Synod.

4. As to the letter from the Synod of the Interior, asking instruction as to the management of missions in western territory, we would submit the following as a reply: That whereas the General Synod of the Reform[illegible] the

United States has arranged for the management of all Home Mission interests by a board of its own, therefore until all such interests are committed into the hands of said board, we deem it advisable that the missionary interests of this synod, in the meantime, be left committed to its own board to manage according to its judgment.

II. CHURCH ERECTION.

While this department of synodic work has not yet attained that stage of development which is desired, or which meets the demand of the times, yet the synod can, to some degree, congratulate itself in the increased collections and the progressive movement which is almost if not quite equal to a new epoch. After a careful perusal of the reports we would note the following matters as claiming attention of synod:

1. The board most earnestly and repeatedly urges that additional subscriptions be solicited to the Progressive Church Erection Fund at this meeting of synod.

2. That we urge upon the pastoral charges the necessity of promptly collecting their apportionment for the General Church Erection Fund.

3. Certain changes and amendments to the constitution governing the board, are proposed by the board, and we would recommend their adoption excepting that in amendment 1. The committee requests substituting the words, "As often as the board may deem it proper," for the words, "At least once in three years."

4. The reports of the treasurer—*a*) of regular fund, and *b*) progressive fund—have been examined and found correct, and would therefore recommend their adoption.

5. The terms of office of Revs. S. Ream and E. Herbruck as members of the Board of Church Erection, expire at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
REUBEN KELLER,
FRANCIS M. SHULTS,
DAVID A. PARKS,
HORACE ANKENEY,
EMANUEL ALT,
Committee.

III. STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSIONS.

The following statistical report of the missions under the care of the Ohio Synod was submitted as a part of the annual report of the Board of Home Missions:

MISSIONS.	Congregations.	Members.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Teachers.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	New Members.	Indebtedness.	Reduc. of debt during year.	Contributions. Pastor's Support.	Contributions. Congregational.	Contributions. Benevolence.	Appropriation.	MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICE.
Jerusalem	4	203	3	190	18	15	38	38	.....	.....	$305 00	$175 00	$148 00	$100 00	Vacant	Bremen, O.
Greenville	3	108	3	183	26	1	..	6	$100 00	$200 00	500 00	167 00	33 00	200 00	W. E. Ludwick	Greenville, O.
Paulding	4	110	3	100	16	12	5	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00	J. W. Barber	Payne, O.
Lima	3	..		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	F. M. Shults	Lima, O.
Ft. Wayne	1	169	1	153	12	16	..	46	500 00	400 00	300 00	624 00	110 00	600 00	T. J. Bacher	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Kentland	2	104	2	80	25	10	1	1	.....	.....	260 00	.....	44 00	300 00	L. P. Gross	Brook, Ind.
Lyons	2	40	1	35	6	..	..	..	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	650 00	A. Casselman	Lyons, Kan.
Wathena-Baker	2	..		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	F. H. Keller	Wathena, Kan.
Altamont	2	62	2	110	12	..	..	6	.....	.....	150 00	15 00	15 00	250 00	Joshua Wolbach	Altamont, Ill.
Liberty Center	3	124	2	116	12	4		20	.....	.....	145 00	28 00	8 00	.....	G. C. Gerlach	Liberty Center, O.
Venice	2	62	1	50		11	1	3	114 00	.....	51 00	.....	.....	150 00	Vacant	Bloomville, O.
Colon	2	100	3	130	16	..	30	57	.....	.....	275 00	.....	75 00	175 00	J. H. Albright	Colon, Mich.
Neriah (Erie)	1	36	1	60	8	3	2	10	.....	.....	100 00	15 00	.....	100 00	Vacant	Erie, Mich.
Dayton (Trinity)	1	92	1	397	28	..	10	26	.....	.....	.....	1,888 00	16 00	400 00	D. W. Ebbert	Dayton. O.
Damascus	2	48	1	35	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	Jos. Sechler	Lena, Ill.
Redfield	2	26		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00	F. W. Stump	Redfield, Dak.
Ada		..		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	235 00	I. A. Sites	Ada, O.
Warren		..		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	Vacant	

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Rev. Rufus C. Zartman.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. John J. Leberman. Rev. John M. Kendig.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jerome B. Henry. Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. William A. Hale, D. D.

VI. WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*

The following action was adopted by synod in regard to the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society of the synod, and woman's work in the cause of missions:

In view of the fact that such an increased interest and enthusiasm has sprung up amongst the Christian women within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, in behalf of the great cause of missions, and as a considerable and encouraging number of these devoted women have complied with the request of this synod a year ago in sending delegates from various missionary organizations to this synod, and have effected a Synodical Missionary Society; and as they have most respectfully asked that their organization be duly recognized, and that the ministers extend their personal influence and aid in organizing missionary societies in all the congregations of this synod; therefore,

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*NOTE. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod was organized at Lancaster, Ohio, October 27, 1887, by the election of the following officers, viz:

Mrs. G. G. Prugh, *President*, Dayton, O.
Mrs. S. C. Goss, *Vice-President*, Wadsworth, O.
Miss Jennie Heckerman, *Secretary*, Tiffin, O.
Mrs. L. B. C. Lahr, *Corresponding Secretary*, Canal Winchester, O.
Mrs. A. L. Shearer, *Treasurer*, Dayton, O.

Resolved, That we hail this day of women's missionary effort as a day full of hope, and that we do regard these women as most noble and efficient "helpers" in the general cause of missions.

Resolved, That we most cordially commend their synodical society to our charges and congregations, and in compliance with their timely request we will use our influence and give our aid towards establishing societies auxiliary to the synodical society.

Resolved, That we do hereby request the Executive Committee of the Women's Synodical Society to prepare a program of exercises to be given by themselves for the second evening of next synod.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to furnish the Women's Synodical Society with a copy of these resolutions.

VII. THE CAUSE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 5 that an official paper was received from the Central Synod containing its action respecting Foreign Missions, and asking the co-operation of this synod to the same end.

Also official communications were received through Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with reference to the progress, needs and prospects of our foreign mission work in Japan.

These several papers were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John M. Kendig, B. Frank Davis and Elder John C. Kremer. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, on item 5 in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, beg leave to submit the following report: There was referred to us an overture from the Central Synod to this synod, relating to a certain action contemplated by the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. In addition to this document, to consider which this committee was created, there were also referred to us several documents from the said board relating to its work in general, to proposed enlarged operations, to the necessity of

increased funds, and also informing us of the latest action of of the Executive Committee of said board, in regard to Tokio. These documents are

1. A report from Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, in behalf of the Executive Committee of said Board.

2. An appeal of the Executive Committee of said Board.

3. An address from said committee to the various synods.

4. A report of secretary from same source conveying information concerning the appointment of Rev. D. B. Schneder as missionary to Japan and of several others now being considered.

It appears from the overture from the Central Synod that the Executive Committee has determined upon the sale of the missionary property in Tokio, and to transfer all our forces to the northern part of the Empire. This, of course, means that Tokio will be abandoned as a missionary point of our church. Against this action the Central Synod earnestly protests, and requests this synod to unite with them in requesting the Executive Committee to reconsider said action and to continue our work in Tokio. The first document noted above received from the Executive Committee of the Foreign Board informs us that such an abandonment was decided upon, and the property was offered for sale. But no report of sale has been received by the board, and they now hold its sale under further advisement.

Your committee express the hope that if any way can be devised to retain our hold on Tokio, that it ought to be done, and yet we are of the opinion that the board, as well as its Executive Committee, will do what is best for our interest.

We suggest the following action:

Resolved, That this synod hereby records that it has full confidence in the ability of the board to manage the trust committed to them.

Resolved, That we can heartily sympathize with the anxiety of the Central Synod in regard to Tokio, and with them also regret that it is contemplated by the Executive Committee of the board to abandon said mission in Tokio as a mission under the care of our church, and we unite in the request of the Central Synod that the board shall reconsider

said action, and if at all possible retain our mission and property there.

Resolved, That we heartily commend anew to our people the cause of Foreign Missions, and urge upon them increased liberality.

Your committee further recommend, that the documents in our hands, and hereby returned to synod, be published in the Minutes of Synod, so as to more fully explain this action.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

VIII. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In accordance with the proposed action in the last paragraph of the foregoing report, the following papers are here embodied in the printed Minutes of Synod:

1. Communication from the Secretary.

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In the providence of God, it becomes my duty to transmit to your reverend body, a report of the progress and prospects of our mission in Japan. The hand that wrote the last annual report is silent in death, and the whole church mourns the loss of the late efficient secretary.

You will pardon my reference to a coincidence, which to me is remarkable, since I have been chosen the successor of dear Doctor Johnston. By a singular providence I was the last friend to visit this good brother before he died. I felt that the place was holy, for the angels were already waiting to bear his spirit into the home of the blest. When I bade him the final farewell, he gave me his usual blessing at parting—"The Lord be with you." And now, I pray God, that his mantle may have fallen on me *then* and *there.*

It is very difficult to furnish an accurate report of the constantly growing work in Japan. The experiences are so varied that a new statement becomes needful every day. The little tract, which I enclose for your consideration, will give you some idea of our present interests in Japan. Our church

has done a great and noble work there in a short time. Let us thank the Lord for it.

The board feels the importance of increasing our present force, in order to reap a large harvest of souls in that heathen empire. Time is precious everywhere, but it is especially precious in Japan. We can not tell what a day may bring forth. We have met an urgent demand by establishing a Girls' School in Sendai, but we need the proper buildings to carry out our grand project.

In a recent letter, one of the lady teachers, Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh, writes: "Only yesterday I was told, on good authority, that the educational department of the government is only waiting to give us a chance, and that if we do not improve our chance at an early day, a government school for girls will be opened. Such an event would work a complete change in our affairs." I fear, if the government will start a rival school at Sendai, it will impede our mission work.

God's kingdom will come in Japan as it has come in America, but whether we, as a church, will receive the blessing from the Lord for its coming depends upon a right use of our golden opportunities.

It seems to me, our church can not withdraw from, and will not tarry in, the present conflict of light against darkness among that interesting and promising people.

Japan is on the eve of a mighty change. There is no other nation in the wide, wide world that bids so fair to enlist itself under the crimson banner of King Emmanuel. Japan is ripe for the Christian religion. Souls hunger for the bread of life. Crowds gather even in theatres to hear the preachers of the Word. Delay to supply them with the gospel is dangerous. *Do we realize our solemn responsibility? Will we help to make Japan a Christian nation?*

Let me earnestly commend the glorious cause, which our senior missionary—the Rev. A. D. Gring—will present to you at this meeting. He, a "beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, *will* make known to you all things; whom *we* have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort you hearts."

May his presence amongst you feed the sacred flame of love for missions in your hearts.

Thanking you for your liberality in the past, and believing that you will abound in this grace also, in the future, we commit our foreign cause to the Lord, to whom be all the glory.

Affectionately yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

POTTSVILLE, PA., October 26, 1887.

2. Appeal of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, in obedience to the resolution of the Board of Foreign Missions adopted at their meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., October 18, 1887, are making arrangements to send Rev. David B. Schneder and wife to Japan, to sail by the steamer, leaving San Francisco, November 19, 1887. They therefore earnestly request that the several synods of the church, and all persons who have pledged or intend to give monies for his outfit and traveling expenses should transmit the same to Hon. Rudolph F. Kelker, Treasurer, at Harrisburg, Pa., as soon as possible.

The committee further wish that the church at large should distinctly understand that as no other person has applied to, or been appointed by the board, and there being no present necessity for an additional male missionary, no money for that specific purpose can be received by the treasurer.

On the other hand we hereby inform the church that as Miss Mary B. Ault, in consequence of her intended marriage to Rev. W. E. Hoy, will serve as teacher in the Girl's School at Sendai, only till June 1, 1888, it has therefore become imperatively necessary that another lady missionary be secured, who shall leave this country not later than the first of May next for the purpose of assisting Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh.

The committee therefore earnestly solicit the church at large, and particularly the various woman's missionary societies, to take this important matter into consideration, and to forward during the coming winter their contributions for this purpose. We also request such Christian women in our church as feel called to the work of foreign missions to forward their names with proper recommendations for the position to Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Secretary, Pottsville, Pa., who will present the same to the board at their next meeting for consideration. No one need apply not enjoying

good health, and possessing a spirit of entire consecration to the work, as also a willingness to labor at all times under the direction of the board.

We also desire it to be understood that although Miss Ault, for the reason assigned, will cease her connection with the school, she has advised the board that she expects to labor among the women of Japan, and by no means to relinquish her original intention of devoting her life to the work of making known the gospel of the Savior in that far-off land in which her lot has been cast by the providence of God.

The suggestion of the mission in 1886 that the property at Tokio be sold, and that we concentrate our men and means at Sendai, as also a personal letter from Rev. A. D. Gring, March 8, 1887, in which he says, "We have since our meeting been able to get our people here to unite with their sister churches of the union in the same neighborhood, and thus relieve us from any further support," led the board to offer the mission house in Tokio for sale. The pressing need for funds to provide suitable accommodations for our missionaries in Sendai, both in regard to their domestic comfort and their work, is the principal reason why the board entertains this proposition.

Since the mission reports no purchaser for the property, and as the house brings a rental of $40 per month, its sale will be held under advisement.

It is highly important that our good people provide immediately $10,000 with which to erect the necessary buildings at Sendai.

Believing that the God of missions will incline his people to contribute liberally to this urgent need, we propose to go forward with the work. Help us, dear brethren, to give our pleading missionaries the appliances and comforts which they so richly merit and so greatly need. Yours in the Lord.

DAVID VAN HORNE,
C. Z. WEISER,
A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,
R. F. KELKER,
B. KUHNS,
W. H. SEIBERT,
Executive Committee.

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 26, 1887.

PRESENCE, ADRRESS AND APPEAL OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, our senior missionary in Japan, who has returned to America to recuperate his health, and to inspire increased interest in foreign missions, was cordially welcomed and spent several days with synod. On Friday evening, having been set apart for foreign missionary service, he delivered an interesting and instructive address in regard to Japan, its people, government, religion and customs, and the progress of Christianity in the empire, and his experience in the foreign work; and during Saturday morning session he made some statements before synod respecting the results, cost and wants of mission work in Japan, with an earnest appeal to synod for practical sympathy and generous support. At the close of his statement, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the synod has heard with pleasure our foreign missionary, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, and that the roll be called at once, with the view of having members of synod pledge themselves for certain amounts to be appropriated in carrying forward our missionary work in Japan.

Thereupon the roll was called, and as a result $735 were pledged, of which $65 were paid in cash.

The following action with respect to Foreign Missions was unanimously adopted:

WHERRAS, God in his providence and in pursuance of his divine purpose to shed the light of his glorious gospel upon all the nations of the world, has moved the heart of the Reformed Church in the United States in behalf of the unenlightened and unsaved in the Empire of Japan; and

WHEREAS, Our blessed Savior has so signally manifested his approbation and vouchsafed such constant benediction in this work—encouraging the mission so greatly in fulfillment of his great promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world;" and

WHEREAS, We have, with a holy joy and thanksgiving to God who loves the lost sheep of earth, and to Jesus Christ, the chief missionary, who "came to seek and to save that which was lost," been permitted to see and to hear our beloved brother, our first missionary of the cross to the Empire

of Japan—the one whose consecration, devotion, self-sacrifice and fervent zeal God has so accepted and blessed—Rev. Ambrose D. Gring; and

WHEREAS, We have with great pleasure and profit heard our brother's statement of the progress of the work of evangelizing the Japanese and of the most auspicious, encouraging and reassuring prospects of the mission of the Reformed Church and the pressing demand for more teachers and preachers at this time; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby declare an increased interest and confidence in our Japan mission and in all the ministers and teachers both foreign and native.

Resolved, That we will in the future give more attention to this great cause, take more frequent collections for its support, and plead with God in prayer in the pulpit in our prayer-meetings and at our family altars for his continued blessing upon the work until the island empire shall be laid entire at the feet of Jesus as a rich trophy of his saving grace.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to Rev. A. D. Gring and a copy to the President of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received, referred, considered and afterwards adopted as a whole:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The board was organized in Dayton, January 13, 1887, by the election of the following officers:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President.*

Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer.*

Elder G. G. Prugh, *Secretary.*

Four meetings were held during the year, and at all of these the interests of the seminary were thoroughly discussed. We availed ourselves of every opportunity to increase, if

possible, the efficiency of the seminary. We are now compelled to bring facts before you which indicate our disappointment, but which we hope will arouse this synod to such vigorous legislation as will secure substantial support to our Theological Seminary.

The report of the treasurer, which is the property of the synod and is presented for its examination, gives a complete statement of the finances entrusted to our keeping; and reveals our indebtedness, the insufficiency of the endowment, and the small amount received from collections.

It is but justice to say that the present board is not responsible for the decrease in the endowment, as compared with what it was years ago.

The protracted illness of Rev. Dr. Good, president of the seminary, has created a feeling of uncertainty as to what its future would be. This has had a very injurious effect upon our efforts to secure a more cordial support for our seminary work. This synod should remove this uncertainty, and by such aggressive legislation in behalf of the seminary challenge and keep the hearty co-operation of the entire church. The seminary, by the action of this synod, must be declared to occupy no secondary place in its consideration. Possibly, for once it should take precedence, for the mind of the church has been directed upon other objects, the seminary has been neglected, and now it is but fair to place it in conspicuous view, and pledge it such warm support as will be the guarantee of its prosperity. It is but wisdom to do so. What department of our church work will not share in its success? A better equipped ministry will be the direct result. This in turn will produce a membership better instructed in all church enterprises, and this will help more than any other cause to fill our treasuries, for no uninstructed people in Bible principles have ever been known to be reliable workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

But it is not necessary to produce an argument. Simple attention is all that is needed, and the required support will, doubtless, be given. The needs of the seminary are, first, additional teaching force. The impaired health of Dr. Good makes it unwise to depend only upon him. Beyond question the correct plan is to elect a professor for the seminary at this synod, and then if Dr. Good recovers his health—for which

we all hope and pray, for we have now all discovered the great difficulty in filling his place—the seminary will then not be too well manned. We deem this an essential step, and must be taken if the seminary is to merit the confidence of the church.

Arrangements must be made at once to enlarge the endowment of the seminary. The past two years have abundantly established the unreliability of the collection plan. It is not a policy upon which the seminary can rest or be maintained. It must not depend one day longer upon this system than is absolutely necessary.

A financial agent should at once be placed in the field to secure such resources as shall place the seminary upon a sure foundation, removing it as far as possible from the contingencies which must ever accompany dependence upon collections. This highest school of the church must represent strength in financial resources, literary skill, and theological ability.

At our meeting in Dayton, June 22, 1887, having learned of the inability of Dr. Good to continue his work in the seminary, and the improbability of his resuming it before the meeting of this synod, your board requested the Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., and Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., to give as much assistance as possible to Rev. H. Rust, D. D., in carrying forward the work of the seminary. This these brethren have done, with, we believe, the best of results. Dr. Hibshman has addressed a letter to the president of this board, expressing his pleasure in being able to serve the church in this capacity, but at the same time asking to be relieved of this responsibility as soon as possible.

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation of the services rendered by these brethren, and trust that synod will make provision to express its gratitude and indebtedness.

It is doubtless known to all that because of illness Rev. Dr. Good has been unable to attend to his duties in the seminary since last spring. This has occasioned universal regret, for the loss is very great. It is most seemly then, that while we acknowledge this our affliction, we also pray to the great Head of the Church to restore our brother to health and strength, that the church may enjoy the benefit of his services for many years to come.

The board at its last meeting, believing that a distinct and definite incorporation of Heidelberg Theological Seminary according to the laws of the State of Ohio, would tend to promote the interests of the seminary, adopted the following action for the consideration of the synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States be and hereby is respectfully requested to adopt the necessary preliminary measures to secure the incorporation of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, according to the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Ohio.

The terms of Rev. S. B. Yockey and Mr. G. G. Prugh expire as members of the board at this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

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2. Report of the Treasurer of the Board.

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 25, 1887.

1886.		DR.	
Oct.	16.	To cash from Daniel Frantz, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	$3 00
Nov.	4.	" Cornelius Moon, Reedsburg, Ohio, interest on note in full.....	8 75
"	6.	" Treasurer Miami Classis on apportionment 1886 for imme. use	7 07
"	8.	" Albert Albright, Shuey's Mills, Wis., interest on note	18 00
"	13.	" Rev. I S. Hahn, Treasurer E. O. Classis, int. on $1,000 appt,1885	9 54
"	27.	" Treasurer Miami Classis for immediate use appt. 1886.....	7 60
"	27.	" John Strock, Shelby, Ohio, interest on note.....	3 00
"	29.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis int. on $1,000 appt., 1885...	10 94
Dec.	2.	" Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, Tiffin, Ohio, interest on note.....	1 00
"	2.	" Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	4 00
"	21.	" Treasurer Miami Classis for immediate use appt., 1886.....	4 05
"	30.	" " " " interest on note of Greenville church,	16 25
1887.			
Jan.	3.	" Dr. J. E. Lowes, Dayton, O., interest on the Storms' note.....	160 00
"	4.	" Rev. Dr. H. Rust, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed.....	80 00
"	13.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note Greenville church..	10 27
"	13.	" Rev. J. A. Keller, Hartville, Ohio, interest on note in full.....	2 00
Feb.	14.	" Rev. A. E. Baichly, Farmersville, Ohio, interest on note.....	1 80
"	14.	" Treasurer Miami Classis interest on note Greenville church ..	7 46
Mar.	14.	" Geo. P. Early, Eaton, Ohio, interest on money borrowed.	166 40
"	14.	" Geo. Brendle, Tiffin, Ohio, interest on money borrowed...	68 88
"	15.	" Rev. A. Casselman, Fairfield, O., interest on note	12 00
"	15.	" R. & R. E. Ross, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed.....	20 00
"	22.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note Greenville church..	6 90
April	2.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis, int. on $1,000 appt., 1885..	10 00
		Carried forward	$638 91

		Amount brought forward	$638 91
April	2.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, int. on note, Greenville church	14 77
"	4.	" Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on note	1 50
"	8.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis, int. on $1,000 appt., 1885	16 31
"	9.	" Amelia Donson, Dayton, O., int. on Money borrowed	11 00
"	12.	" Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	3 00
"	13.	" Daniel Wampler, deceased, per Paul Wampler, int. on note	11 65
"	20.	" Joseph S. White, Centreville, O., interest on note in full	695 30
"	26.	" Rev. J. B. Henry, Dayton, O., interest on note	6 00
"	26.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, Ohio, interest on note in full	40 00
"	29.	" Rev. Wm. H. Shults, Springboro, O., interest on note	3 00
May	6.	" Treasurer Miami Classis for immediate use	27 32
"	6.	" " " " principal on note Greenville church	27 72
"	6.	" " " " interest " " " "	3 44
"	9.	" " " " for immediate use	10 45
"	19.	" " " " " " "	12 15
"	23.	" Rev. Wm. H. Shults, Springboro, Ohio, interest on note	1 50
June	8.	" Daniel Frantz, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	3 00
"	10.	" E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis, int. special appt.	52 36
"	10.	" Alfred Sheirer, Dayton, O., interest on note	46 00
"	15.	" Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis interest for immediate use	18 89
"	15.	" Mary E. Davis, Dayton, Ohio, intrest on money borrowed	64 00
July	13.	" Rev. Wm. Grether, Rhine, Wis., int. on note in full	2 00
"	15.	" Val. Helm, Dayton, O., interest on note in full	3 50
Aug.	12.	" R. & R. E. Ross, Dayton, Ohio, intrest on money borrowed	20 00
"	12.	" Treasurer Miami Classis, interest on note Greenville church	2 25
Sept.	12.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis, int. on $1,000 appt. 1885	16 14
"	20.	" Geo. P. Early, Eaton, O., interest on money borrowed	160 00
"	20.	" Treasurer Miami Classis for immediate use	9 40
"	28.	" " " " " " "	4 58
Oct.	1.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis, int. on $1,000 appt. 1885	19 99
"	7.	" Susannah Smith, Dayton, Ohio, interest on note	20 63
"	10.	" Jacob Swope, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	3 00
"	11.	" Levi Kiester, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
"	12.	" Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis, int. on $1,000 appt. 1885	54 92
"	12.	" Chas. B. Reber, Leaf River, Ill., interest on note	24 00
"	13.	" Treasurer Miami Classis for immediate use	16 04
"	14.	" " " " interest on note Greenville church	20 11
"	14.	" " " " for immediate use	3 48
"	14.	" George Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest on note	6 00
"	18.	" Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio, interest on note	12 00
"	19.	" Rev. Dr. H. Rust, Tiffin, Ohio, interest on money borrowed	80 00
"	21.	" Levi House, Lewisburg, Ohio, interest on note	22 00
			$2,211 31

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 25, 1887.

CR.

By cash paid to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary	$1,009 50
" " " " Prof. Herman Rust, D. D., on salary	1,036 72
" " " for attorney fees in the White case	130 00
" " " " recording nine mortgages	10 10
" " " " stationery, postage, exchange and incidentals	14 99
" " " " printing catalogue of college and seminary 1887	10 00
	$2,211 31

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1886. DR.

Oct.	20.	To cash from Treas. Miami Classis, prin. on note Greenville Ch ..	$8 14
Nov.	4.	" " " Cornelius Moon, Reedsburg, O., prin. of note in full	50 00
Dec.	2.	" " " Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, Tiffin, O., prin. of note in full	25 00
1887.			
Jan.	19.	" " " Rev. Jos. A. Keller, Hartville, O., prin. of note in full	15 00
"	29.	" " " Joseph Oberlin, Massillon, Ohio, appt. Tuscarawas charge, Tuscarawas Classis	109 06
Feb.	14.	" " " Rev. A. E. Baichly, Farmersville, O., on note Z. M..	10 00
Mar.	14.	" " " Geo. Brendle, Tiffin, O., on note in full	1,000 00
April	9.	" " " Amelia Donson, Dayton, O., on note in full	300 00
"	13.	" " " Treas. Miami Classis, prin. on note Greenville Ch..	50 61
"	13.	" " " Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Tr. Tiffin Classis, on class. appt.	35 10
"	13.	" " " D. Wampler, decd. per P. D. Wampler, note in full,	50 00
"	20.	" " " Joseph S. White, Centreville, O., on note in full	5,000 00
"	20.	" " " W. L. Darrow, Dayton, O., on note in part	23 25
"	26.	" " " Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., on note in full	500 00
May	19.	" " " Treas. Miami Classis, prin. on note Greenville Ch ..	26 00
June	10.	" " " E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tuscarawas Classis, on gen'l appt	29 93
"	13.	" " " W. L. Darrow, Dayton, O., prin. on note in full	1,000 00
"	16.	" " " " " " " " " "	1,000 00
July	13.	" " " Rev. Wm. Grether, Rhine, Wis., on note in full	16 00
"	15.	" " " Valentine Helm, Dayton, O., on note in full	1,200 00
Oct.	12.	" " " Treas. Miami Classis, prin. on note Greenville Ch ..	16 59
"	14.	" " " " " " " " " " "	29 89
"	20.	" " " W. L. Darrow, Dayton, O., prin. on note in part	200 00
			$10,694 57

FUNDS INVESTED.

1886. CR.

Oct.	13.	By cash advanced by the Treasurer in making loan	$5 91
1887.			
April	7.	" loan to Susannah Smith, Dayton, O., on mortgage security	550 00
"	20.	" " " W. L. Darrow, " " " " "	4 800 00
"	20.	" error in settlement with W. L. Darrow by attorney	7 75
"	30.	" loan to A. R. Stocker and Sneller on mortgage security	400 00
"	30.	" " " Lizzie and Jacob Schneider, Dayton, on mortg. security	800 00
June	28.	" " " Valentine Helm, Dayton, O., on mortgage security	1,200 00
July	18.	" " " John L. Dohner, Centre, O., on mortgage security	1,600 00
Aug.	9.	" " " Mrs. Anna C. Hatfield, Dayton, O., on mortgage security	600 00
Oct.	20.	" " " Thomas Cavanaugh, Dayton, O., on mortgage security,	700 00
"	24.	" balance in the treasury	30 91
			$10,694 57

SALARY OF PROFESSORS.

The condition of the salary of the professors is exhibited in the following brief statement, showing the arrearage, the amount paid and the balance due, namely:

Balance due Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., October 1, 1886	$1,425 33	
Salary for the year ending October 1, 1887	950 00	
		$2,375 33
By cash paid during the year ending October 1, 1887		1,009 50
Balance due Prof. Good, October 1, 1887		$1,365 83

Balance due Prof. H. Rust, D. D., October 1, 1886	$1,452 55	
Salary for the year ending October 1, 1887	950 00	
		$2,402 55
By cash paid during the year ending October 1, 1887		1,036 72
Balance due Prof. Rust, October 1, 1887		$1,365 83

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

The assets or funds of the seminary, being in obligations or notes, are as follows:

Eighteen notes secured by mortgage	$20,225 00
Twenty-eight promissory notes from different individuals	1,915 00
Thirty-two promissory notes obtained during Zwingli Memorial	1,146 00
Twelve promissory notes payable after death	2,823 32
	$26,109 32
Twenty notes of individuals which are doubtful	2,636 08
Seventy-five notes running from 1847 to 1887 regarded worthless	4,618 80

Declining a re-election as Treasurer, this my final report is Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education respectfully submit the following as their annual report to this reverend body:

The officers of the board of the previous year were continued in their respective offices. Your board has endeavored to discharge its duties to the best of its abilities.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The examinations of the students in the seminary were satisfactory, not as much so, however, as in former years. This may have been owing somewhat to unavoidable circumstances. The following named persons were regularly dismissed from the seminary, having studied all the branches in the curriculum, viz: Messrs. John A. Danner, Henry S. Gekeler, Andrew Hocker, Louis C. Martin, Adolph J. Meyer, David A. Parks, Bechtolt Ruef, Reuben F. Shultz and David A. Winter, and were recommended for graduation. The graduating exercises were held in the college chapel on the evening of the 18th of May last.

At the opening of the fall term Messrs. A. H. Zechiel, Harry L. Beam, E. E. Weller, M. H. Brensinger and D. N. Frantz were received as students in the seminary in the junior class. The number of students in the seminary at present is nine. W. A. Bodell and C. B. Alspach withdrew from the seminary for the purpose of preparing themselves at Springfield, Mass., for Y. M. C. A. work. J. D. Peters, a

member of the senior class, also withdrew, not wishing to comply with a resolution passed by the board at its last sessions, regulating the number of times that the students are allowed to preach.

About the first of last April, Dr. J. H. Good, Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology, and President of the Seminary Faculty, was prevented, by ill-health, from attending to his professorial duties in the seminary. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of your board, held on the 11th of April, the afflicted professor was granted a vacation until the end of the spring term. At the same time the Board of Trustees was notified of Prof. Good's inability to teach, and Dr. H. Rust was respectfully requested to teach the branches in Dr. Good's department as far as possible, with which he complied. Owing to engagements made by Dr. Rust while his celleague was in good health, which he felt in honor bound to meet, and to the pressing demands of indigent students for time to replenish their finances, the seminary was closed four weeks before the regular time, with great reluctance.

In view of the frequent calls upon the students to preach and their willingness to respond, a fact which your board felt was injurious in more than one respect, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the seniors be allowed the privilege of preaching but once a month.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this board, it is not proper for students to preach as candidates for pastoral fields before they become licentiates.

Resolved, That the professors of the seminary be requested to prohibit the members of the junior class from preaching on any Sunday during the sessions of the year.

Dr. Good's inability to fill his position has had a serious effect upon the seminary. The Board of Trustees has judiciously supplied the place temporarily, but any temporary arrangement will seldom meet the demands as fully as a permanent arrangement. We have no suggestion to offer in regard to this important matter, as the filling of vacancies in the teaching force temporarily is the duty of another board. That Dr. Good's greatly impaired health may be restored soon, and he be permitted to take his position again in the seminary, is the humble, but earnest prayer of your board.

EDUCATION.

The beneficiary students continued from last year are W. H. Tussing, H. S. Bailey, B. H. Roth, J. C. Smith, Parley E. Zartman, C. L. Alspach, J. A. Patterson, E. Kunkle, J. W. Belser, M. J. Roth, A. H. Zechiel and H. W. Knox. The names of those added to the list are G. H. Snyder and D. A. Frantz of the Theological Seminary, S. E. Neikirk of the Sophomore Class, and C. E. Stoner and D. F. Boomershine of the Freshman Class. M. L. Fox, Calvin Mueller, W. A. Bodell, W. W. Troup and Geo. B. Bolenbaugh, for various reasons, withdrew from the board, and ask no aid for the present year. Clifford Cost, of Xenia, was requested to persue his studies at home during the present collegiate year, without support from the board.

Geo. H. Snyder and C. E. Stoner were placed under the care of the Tuscarawas Classis, D. A. Frantz under the care of Northern Illinois Classis, D. F. Boomershine under the care of Miami Classis, and S. E. Neikirk under the care of Tiffin Classis. There are at present seventeen students receiving aid from the Board of Education. The amount of their appropriation, in connection with an indebtedness of nearly five hundred dollars, from last year's deficiency, will require the full apportionment for the cause of Beneficiary Education, unless the delinquencies of last year be re-apportioned to the delinquent classes. This latter your board most earnestly recommends. The amount is given in a statement by the treasurer in his report. Your board regrets that so little has been refunded by those who received aid from its treasury while preparing for the ministry, without which they would not have been able to meet their cherished purpose. The Rev. J. P. Stahl, pastor of the newly constituted Glenford Charge, is the only ex-beneficiary that has refunded anything under the late rule, who not only paid into our treasury twenty-five dollars of his own funds, but also collected for the board in his charge, sixty dollars and fifty cents towards cancelling his indebtedness to the board: This is an example worthy of imitation.

Your board most urgently recommends pastors and others, who apply for aid in behalf of a candidate for the ministry, first, to fully satisfy their own minds of the necessary qualifi-

cations of the candidate, and, if possible, have the proper classis also to examine him as to his fitness for the office of the holy ministry and his worthiness of support. In observing this recommendation your board will be released from many complications arising out of the receiving unworthy persons, and will be able to invest the church's money more judiciously than it has done in the past.

Your attention is called to the fact that but comparatively few students are in attendance at Heidelberg College who have the ministry in view. This is to be deplored for many reasons. It is to be hoped that whatever efforts the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, whose duty it is to "increase the number of students for the gospel ministry, and devise and suggest means by which this desirable result may be accomplished," may put forth for this laudable object, that such plans may be heartily endorsed by pastors and church-members throughout the bounds of the synod, and carried into effect.

Your reverend body is reminded that the terms of office of Revs. S. C. Goss, M. Loucks, G. H. Leonard and J. I. Swander, D. D., as members of this board, expire at this meeting of synod, and that the attention of your standing committee on nominations is called to this fact.

With the prayer that the blessing of the great Head of the church rest upon our Theological Seminary and the cause of Beneficiary Education, we respectfully submit our report.

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. of Miami Classis		$211 23
" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. of Lancaster Classis		290 85
" " " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treas. of Tuscarawas Classis		505 30
" " " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. of Eastern Ohio Classis		168 87
" " " Rev. J. H. Good, Treas. of Tiffin Classis.....	$37 69	
" " " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. of Tiffin Classis	70 79	108 48
" " " Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treas. of St. Joseph Classis....		125 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

To cash from Frieden's congregation, per D. A. Winter	$10 00	
Refunded by Prof. L. Steffens	20 00	
From Emanuel's Reformed Mission Society, Wyandot County, O....	15 00	
From Ashland, Ohio, Reformed Congregation per Rev. J. Winter....	10 00	
Interest on S. A. Hivling bequest	84 00	
Carried forward.....		$139 00

Amount brought forward	$139 00	
" J. G. Lefler bequest	250 00	
" Sarah Brinker bequest	56 00	
" Carson bequest, per Dr. G. W. Williard	173 15	
A gift from a friend of Beneficiary Education	25 00	
Refunded by Rev. J. P. Stahl	25 00	
From Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa., per Geo. A. Sleeger	25 00	
" Prof. J. C. Shumaker, Ripley, Ohio	5 00	
" Glenford charge, per Rev. J. P. Stahl	60 50	
		$758 65
Whole amount received from October 13, 1886, to October 25, 1887		2,168 38
Amount in treasury at last report, October 13, 1886		11 76
June 13, 1887, amount borrowed to pay Beneficiary Students		510 00
Whole amount of receipts		$2,690 14

CR.

By cash for postage and stationery	$2 41
" " paid interest to Tiffin National Bank on $125 borrowed	93
" " paid to Beneficiary Students	$2,390 65
Paid note at Tiffin National Bank	125 00
By cash on hand	171 15
	$2,690 14
Amount borrowed, still unpaid	385 00

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

To bequest of Sarah Brinker	$800 00
" " " S. A. Hivling	1,000 00
" " " J. G. Lefler	3,500 00
" interest received on Hivling bequest	84 00
" " " " Brinker "	56 00
" " " " Lefler "	258 00
	$5,698 00
Due Treasurer	100 00
	$5,798 00

CR.

By promissory note of Rev. M. Mueller, of Fostoria, Ohio	$800 00
" certificate of 20 shares of Columbus & Xenia R. R. stock	1,000 00
" promissory note of C. C. Park, of Tiffin, Ohio	3,000 00
" " " " Prof. C. M. Lowe	600 00
" cash paid contingent fund at different times	390 00
" interest paid Treasurer on one hundred dollars	8 00
	$5,798 00

STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENTS—AMOUNT PAID AND UNPAID.

Classes.	Apportionment.	Paid.	Unpaid.
Miami,	$470 67	$211 23	$259 44
Lancaster,	289 63	290 85	
Tuscarawas,	356 51	505 30	
Eastern Ohio,	252 11	168 87	83 24
Tiffin,	214 17	108 48	105 69
St. Joseph,	225 81	125 00	100 81
Iowa,	87 19		87 19
Northern Illinois,	82 26		82 26
Kansas,	69 50		69 50
	$1,997 85	$1,409 73	$788 13

Of the amount unpaid, $549.18 should be reapportioned as follows:

Miami Classis	$259 44
Tiffin Classis	105 69
Eastern Ohio Classis	88 24
St. Joseph Classis	100 81

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer,*

5. Report of the Permanent Committee on Seminary.

The Permanent Committee respectfully submits its annual report:

Your committee had no meeting during the year. There has been nothing of importance to call the members together. We have to report that there has been no progress in securing additional pledges for the increase of the Endowment Fund of the Seminary.

Whether the classes, that assumed their proportion of the ten thousand dollars proposed to be raised in the spring of A. D., 1885, pay the interest promptly can be learned from the Report of the Treasurer of the Board.

It is the opinion of your committee that unless one of the professors of the seminary, or some one else, will give the work personal and continuous attention, the amount required to plant the school on a substantial financial basis will not be secured.

Without such a head to the committee nothing of practical benefit will be accomplished.

Your committee suggest that the synod discontinue this Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, and instruct its board to take the matter vigorously in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

The following documents have been referred to this committee, namely, The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports of

of the Board of Education, the Report of the Trustees of the Seminary, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary, as also several other documents relative to the present needs and interests of the seminary.

From the different papers coming into our hands we learn that the past year has been one of great trial to the seminary, and the work done in the preparation of young men for the ministry very unsatisfactory, not meeting the demands of the church. This state of things has been the result largely of unavoidable circumstances, yet much blame can be laid at our own door, in that synod has allowed this important institution and interest of the church to suffer by not making proper preparations for such contingencies as have now arisen.

The seminary for years has in a measure, at least, been kept in the background, and has been permitted to shift along without sufficient aid and proper provision for her endowment, as also insufficient teaching force for the present demands of the seminary. The reports both of the Board of Trustees, as also that of the treasurer, call attention to the fact of the continual indebtedness of the seminary, and the insufficiency of the funds to pay the salaries of the professors —there being a deficiency of nearly three thousand dollars in this respect—proving conclusively that the present financial policy of the synod, that of apportionment, does not, by any means, meet the case and needs of the seminary. Year after year the seminary is becoming more and more in debt. It is a patent fact that such action must here be taken by this synod that shall for once place this, our "school of the prophets," into better and permanent financial condition.

By reason of the sickness of the president of the seminary during a large part of the year, temporary arrangements were made by the trustees of the seminary, by appointing Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., and Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., as instructors. This has been an onerous and laborious work for these brethren in addition to their regular duties. Nor can this temporary arrrangment by any means accomplish the work and results of regular professors. It is very evident that better provisions must be made in the way of instructors, so that the seminary no longer suffer in this respect.

Another point causing much anxiety to those who have the

interests of the seminary at heart, is that of the small number of students for the ministry, both in the college and seminary. While there is a general complaint throughout our church concerning the very few who are willing to consecrate themselves to the holy ministry, yet there is a lack evidently both in the management of the seminary as also a lethargy and indifference among our ministry and membership as to the duty of supplying the church with men for the ministry. Action, such as shall meet the demands of the church in this respect, ought be here taken.

It is with the greatest sorrow that this synod has heard of the continuous sickness of the venerable Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., president of the seminary. Dr. Good, during a period of forty years, has been intimately connected with our institutions in the West, no one man having done more to bring our church and her institutions into prominence. He was the founder of Heidelberg College and Seminary in Tiffin, Ohio; the establisher of the *Western Missionary*, now *Christian World*, Dayton, Ohio; and for the last twenty years the honored president and distinguished instructor of the seminary. For his self-sacrifice, and for his very eminent usefulness to the Reformed Church, he shall have our lasting gratitude; and in his present affliction the sympathy and prayers of the entire church. It is also the duty and high privilege of this synod to give expression in a substantial way of the high esteem with which he is held, and the sympathy the church has for him in this his time of affliction.

A paper presented by Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., in behalf of many friends of Dr. J. H. Good, presents this in a forcible way.

In view of the eminent services rendered by our honored instructor, as also the hope of his recovery and further usefulness and counsel in the future, this synod is asked to establish an office in our Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, the incumbent of said office to be called the Emeritus President of the Theological Seminary. This is but just and due to Dr. J. H. Good, and we therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we establish and do hereby establish an office in our Theological Seminary, the incumbent of which

shall be called Emeritus President of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., be and hereby is invited to accept this position at a salary of $600 annually. Salary to commence January 1, 1888.

Resolved, That a fund called the Emeritus Fund is hereby established to be set apart for the benefit of the Emeritus President of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Emeritus Fund shall consist of: First, voluntary contributions by the alumni of the Theological Seminary and the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States. Second, by contributions by the friends of Dr. J. H. Good in the whole church. Third, by surplus in the Synodical Treasury.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be authorized to appoint agents to collect for this fund.

Resolved, That this synod, in honor to the Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., establish a chair of theology in the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, to be known as the J. H. Good Chair.

Resolved, That this synod appoint a financial agent, whose duty it shall be to collect funds for the present needs of the seminary, as also to increase the endowment fund, and especially to endeavor to raise funds to endow the chair just established.

Resolved, That this synod proceed to the election of a professor of the Theological Seminary, whose duty shall be assigned him by the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

Resolved, That this synod enter upon the election of this professor to-morrow at 10 a. m., at a salary of $1,000 per annum.

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, the Report of the Board of Education, and the reports of their respective treasurers, be adopted; and that the recommendations therein contained be approved.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Education, regulating the preaching of theological students, meets with the hearty approval of synod, and that the Faculty of Seminary be requested to enforce the rules.

Resolved, That Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, be incorporated according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary shall henceforth consist of fifteen members, of whom, at the first election by the Ohio Synod, five shall be elected to serve for one year, five for two years, and five for three years; and thereafter the synod shall, at each annual meeting, elect five members who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are elected.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Nominations is hereby instructed to put in nomination a double number of candidates in accordance with the requirement in the previous resolution.

Resolved, That the ministers of the Synod of Ohio are hereby requested on some Sunday of the year to preach on the subject of parents dedicating their sons to the Christian ministry, and that the membership of the church be asked to assist the pastors to increase the number of students for the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF A THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR.

During Thursday afternoon session, on the adoption of the eighth resolution in the foregoing report, having reference to the election of a Professor in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the synod now proceed to the nomination of candidates.

Whereupon the following persons were nominated, namely: Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Rev. James I. Good, D. D., and Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.

On motion, the election was made the order of the day for Friday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time, after solemn prayer for divine guidance, led by Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., the synod proceeded to the election. Revs. George H. Leonard, Jerome B. Henry, Charles W. Good and Elder Victor P. Van Horne were appointed tellers. The election being had resulted as follows: Rev. James I. Good received forty-two votes, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., twenty-three, and Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., eleven.

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of Rev. James I. Good, D. D., having received a majority of all the votes cast, be and hereby is made unanimous.

Resolved, That the president and stated clerk of synod be instructed to forward a call to the professor elect, with a stipulated salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

The following action, appealing to young men to consecrate themselves to the Christian ministry, was adopted by synod:

WHEREAS, It has already been enjoined upon the ministers of this synod to preach, on some Sunday during the synodic year, on the subject of increasing the number of ministers of the gospel—making a special appeal to parents to dedicate their sons to the Lord for this holy office; and

WHEREAS, There are now so few students in the theological seminary, and such a small number in the college classes with the ministry in view; and

WHEREAS, There is such a great demand for more ministers, and no hope of supplying this demand for at least the next five years; therefore

Resolved, That in addition to the above appeal to parents, we hereby make a strong and pressing appeal to the young men of our congregations to devote themselves to the gospel ministry, and with that in view enter upon a course of preparation in the college and seminary as soon as possible, so that the ranks of the ministry may be largely swelled in the near future.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Rev. Allen K. Zartman. Mr. Albert Ankeney.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. James H. Steele.
Rev. Michael Loucks. Rev. John Vogt, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. John H. Bomberger.
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D. Rev. Reuben Keller.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

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2. Board of Education.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Reuben Good.
Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D. Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Rev. Isaac A. Sites.
Rev. John J. Leberman. Mr. John Keller.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D. Rev. Michael Loucks.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports in regard to the college were received, referred, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

According to a requirement of synod, it becomes my duty to make a report in the name of the Board of Trustees, of the condition and work of Heidelberg College during the last synodic year. This, although it may seem a formal task, is fit and proper, as the college owes largely its present prosperous condition to the encouragement and financial support which it has received from the Synod of Ohio, under whose auspices it was founded and has continued to flourish. Thanking the synod for what it has done in the past, and

invoking its continued co-operation, I will proceed to the task assigned me.

The board would congratulate the synod upon the increased interest that is taken in Christian education, as is evident from the growing attendance at college and in the enlarged liberality of our people. Never before in the history of the college has there been such an interest in its prosperity. New friends have arisen in every part of the synod, who are willing to do what they can in its support. The many contributions given within the last few years towards the erection of our spacious new building, which stands as a monument of of the zeal and liberality of the church, is truly wonderful, and may be referred to as a proof of the growing interest that is abroad in the education of the young. This is as it should be, as no church can prosper which does not keep pace with the advancing spirit of the day.

Much has been done during the year by frequent visitations in different parts of the synod to bring the college prominently before the people, so as to secure their hearty and willing support, while the instruction and discipline in the college itself have been thorough and complete, so that those in attendance might become interested in their studies and become well prepared for their life's work. Thirteen were graduated at the last commencement, while there was an actual attendance in the several departments of nearly 200 students during the year, who were in daily contact with the ten professors who constitute the present teaching force. No one can estimate the results of a year's work like this in molding the lives and characters of those in whose hands the the destinies of the church and nation will soon be placed.

The opening of the present college year is very encouraging, there being about 190 students in actual attendance, whilst new recruits are still coming in. This, considering the vast number of colleges we have in Ohio, and the limited membership of the synod, should be gratifying to the friends of the college.

The synod can not afford to allow a debt to remain upon the new college building after the noble effort it has put forth in its erection, as this would seriously cripple the college in its work, and be a reflection upon the synod itself. One more effort like that of last year would remove the entire debt yet

resting upon the new building, and put the college in a position of usefulness of which the synod might well be proud. We would, therefore, suggest the propriety of synod adopting such measures at its present meeting, as will provide for the entire debt during the present collegiate year, and of appointing a day of general thanksgiving to God for his goodness at the next annnal commencement in June, 1888, and request all the friends of the college to be present and join in the festivities, as a fitting and crowning service of such a grand enterprise happily completed and paid for.

The board would express its appreciation of the action of synod one year ago in appointing a day on which its pastors were requested to present the claims of Christian education and solicit contributions in behalf of the college in view of the benefits that resulted therefrom financially and otherwise, and would respectfully suggest the propriety of making it a permanent arrangement. Considering the central position which the college occupies and the intimate connection it has with the prosperity of the church, it would seem eminently fitting that its claims to a liberal support should be presented at least once a year to the prayerful consideration of those for whose special benefit it has been founded. We feel sure the observance of College Day last year did much to awaken new and increased interest in Heidelberg College, by the vast amount of information that was spread abroad in reference to its origin, history, struggles, and general influence upon the church. Our people were, in this way, made to feel that they have institutions of learning which ought to receive their hearty support, as it is not possible for the church to succeed and fulfill her mission without them. The many prayers offered and contributions made had their effect both upon the spirituality of the church and the efficiency of the college.

We are glad to say that a large proportion of the charges within the bounds of synod complied with its action one year ago. Some made a regular canvass in the interest of the college with the assistance of Prof. E. R. Williard and myself, whilst others took up collections, the result of which was a reduction of the debt on the new college building to about $5,000 at the present writing. This was certainly a grand result, and calls for devout gratitude to God. We would be pleased to make honorable mention of the aid which many

pastors and laymen gave, if space would permit. As this can not be done we would merely say that the Eastern Ohio Classis took the lead, as every charge within its bounds observed College Day excepting two, which are ready for a canvass at any time, and raised about $1,200 for the college, some of the ministers assisting each other in the work.

It affords us great pleasure to report that S. S. Rickly of Columbus, O., has generously furnished the means for frescoeing the chapel of the new building, making his contribution for this and the furniture he put into the chapel one year ago, $1,000, a most timely offering for which he has the thanks of all the friends of the college, whose prayer is that the richest blessing of heaven may rest upon him for his liberality. Would that his example might induce others to do likewise.

We would also inform the synod that an effort is now being made by the alumni of the college to complete the alumni professorship undertaken some years ago, but suffered to lie quiet for the time being. We would be glad if the synod would give all proper encouragement to the movement.

There are other things we would like to bring to the favorable notice of synod as having a direct bearing upon the future prosperity of the college, to which we can only briefly refer, in the hope that both the synod and the friends of the collegemay take up the suggestions and act accordingly:

1. The cabinet and library ought both to be put in a better condition and increased. For the want of funds the rooms designed for these departments in the new building are not yet fitted up. Are there no friends of the college willing to come forward and provide the means to furnish and fit them for their intended use, as Mr. Rickly, of Columbus, did the chapel? Five hundred dollars or whatever sum may be required for each, whether more or less, would be a timely gift, and place the giver among the benefactors of the college. Who will do it?

2. The attendance ought, if possible, to be increased, as we now have good accommodations for double the number of students we have. There are, without doubt, young gentleman and ladies enough in the Synod of Ohio to increase the number of students to 400, if the proper efforts were made. More of our young people need to be educated and fitted for

greater usefulness. The means are at hand if we can only get our people more fully interested in the cause of Christian education. We also need more ministers, which should lead us to seek out pious young men for this work. There are comparatively few young ladies at the college. This is not as it should be. They need a thorough education as well as the sons of the church. Why, too, is it that we have so few of the children of the church, even those of ministers and elders at the college? What the cause of this scarcity can be is a question that should be seriously considered.

3. The endowment of the college should be increased, making it to be the duty of those whom God has blessed with an abundance of this world's good to remember the college not only in their last will and testament, but during their life when they can see the fruit of their beneficence. There are members within the bounds of this synod who could spare from fifty to one thousand dollars for the endowment of the college without seriously lessening their comforts, or crippling their business. There never will be a time in the history of the college when such gifts will be more needed than at present. Would that such influences could be brought to bear upon such of the alumni and friends of education as are able to induce scores to make such special contributions during the present year as would provide for all our needs. How appropriate in this connection are the words of Paul to Timothy, "Charge them that are rich in this world not to be highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they may lay hold on eternal life." (I. Tim. 6: 17, 18.)

4. It would be well if synod could devise some measures by which the membership of the church could be induced to take more interest in Christian education, as there is reason to fear we are not doing what we might and could in this respect. The demands of the age require a foreward movement.

The board would in conclusion be thankful to the synod for any suggestions which it may in its wisdom see fit to make. The work before us is great, requiring the united

cation, or a kindred topic, on the first Sunday, or any other Sunday, in the month of February and take a collection for the benefit of our colleges, and that we urge upon our ministers and members to make one more final vigorous effort to wipe out the debt on the college.

Resolved, That we should be pleased to have Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., prepare a tract presenting the work of Heidelberg College for distribution among our people.

Resolved, That the renewed efforts of the Alumni Association of Heidelberg College to raise an alumni professorship fund be commended to the sympathy and substantial co-operation of our ministers and people.

Resolved, That Heidelberg College has just claims upon the patronage of our people and that we regard with disapproval the sending of students, by our members, to other institutions in preference to our own.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SOUDER, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Upton F. Cremer, Esq.
Mr. Horace Ankeny.	George P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. George H. Leonard.	Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Rev. Daniel R. Taylor.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.	Mr. Henry H. Eavey.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Rev. Michael Loucks.	Mr. Henry Leonard.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.	Hon. R. L. Sharp.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.	Mr. Irvin Yost.
Rev. John J. Leberman,	Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.	Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, reported in item 6, that the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was commended to the synods, with the request that a collection be taken for the use of the society in the month of September. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. H. M. Herman, Dr. L. H. Kefauver, and Elder John Kagy.

This committee, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and as amended adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred item 6 in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of General Synod, having reference to the fund for the benefit of aged ministers and their families, would respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

In the mind of the committee it would he useless to insist upon the duty of the church in the matter before us. It is self-evident. Our forefathers recognized the necessity as well as the righteousness of this cause. Our blessed religion emphasizes the importance of providing for the servants of God, who have become incapacitated by the infirmities of age. It thus becomes to be one of the supreme duties of the church to-day.

In response then to the expressed desire of the General Synod by endorsing the action of said synod and by sharing in this noble work of Christian beneficence, we would offer the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, That this synod apportion the sum of five hundred dollars among the several classes for this purpose.

Resolved, That synod request the several classes to make one or more of its ministers a life or life members of the society for the relief of disabled ministers and their widows from year to year. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 9 that a statement was received from Mr. Wm. E. Schmertz, President of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., calling for continued sympathy, prayers and gifts.

During the afternoon session on Friday, Rev. Frederick Strassner, of St. John's Classis, Central Synod, by permission, made some statements in regard to the condition and prospects of the Orphans' Home at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

These statements were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. H. Xanders, Wm. H. Shults and Elder Frank D. Paulus. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and as amended adopted:

Your special committee, to whom were referred the interests of and communications from the Orphans' Homes at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Butler, Pa., have listened with no little interest to the address and overture of Rev. F. Strassner, and also read with care the report of the President of the St. Paul's Home.

We find that these institutions are a blessed means of usefulness in providing for our church orphans. What we have done in the past seems to have been appreciated; what we are further willing to do in the future will be gratefully accepted.

These Homes have hopes of soon being free from debt, and we commend them to the attention of our synod. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod is in cordial sympathy with these institutions, and heartily commends the administration of their boards of managers.

Resolved, That we commend the Ft. Wayne and St. Paul's Orphans' Homes as worthy of at least a liberal share of our

collections of our Sunday-schools, or congregations annually.

Resolved, That we continue to offer our sympathy, prayers and gifts, as our appreciation of the work done in these institutions.

Resolved, That this synod appoint a representative to meet with the Board of the Home at Ft. Wayne at its next annual meeting for the purpose of entering into closer co-operation, and report to the next meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. XANDERS, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the fourth resolution of the foregoing report, Rev. William H. Xanders was appointed as said representative.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

By the goodness and mercy of God we are permitted to again come up from the trials and victories of another year's active service in the Sunday-school cause, bringing grateful praise "unto him that has loved us and washed us from our sins in his own precious blood." The Lord has been in his work, graciously inclining the hearts of his people, more largely than ever, to this particular branch of Christian endeavor, the glorious fruits of which have been the ingathering of a strong and valiant army of the young into the fold and kingdom of the Master, for which great triumph of grace the board most prayerfully asks the church and this synod to join with them in devoutest gratitude to almighty God. But "not unto us but unto thy name give glory."

Your board organized during the meeting of synod at Cedarville, Ill., October, 1886, by the election of Revs. A. E. Baichly, President, and E. R. Williard, Secretary, who, with the other members of the board, viz; Drs. H. M. Herman and I. H. Reiter, and Revs. G. H. Leonard and E. P. Herbruck, have labored diligently, and as we hope successfully, in building up, caring for and enlarging the interests and efficiency of the Sunday-school work of our synod.

A number of meetings were held and much correspondence done during the year in the transaction of such business as came before us, the preparation of festival services, devising plans and methods for extending our work, with an especial view of establishing our Sunday-school interests on an equal footing with those of any other denomination in the state.

1. State and International Conventions.

Early in the year steps were taken by the board to secure a representation from our church in Ohio to the International Sunday-school Convention in Chicago, that met in the month of June last. This effort resulted in the appointment of Revs. E. R. Williard, G. H. Leonard, Dr. J. I. Swander and A. E. Baichly by the International Executive Committee. Two members of your board, viz: A. E. Baichly and G. H. Leonard, attended that meeting and were much gratified at the presence there of ministers of our synod from other states, and still others from other synods of our church, a thing lamentably unusual in the past. The delegates present at that meeting report a profitable time, and returned full of enthusiasm in the work. If synod be disposed to give the time, we would suggest the eminent propriety of a report of the international to this body by Rev. G. H. Leonard, one of our delegates. The secretary of your board, Rev. E. R. Williard, was already and is now a member of the State Executive Committee of the Ohio State Sunday-School Union, and a place on the programme for the Ohio State Sunday-School Convention had been assigned to Rev. J. B. Shontz, of Akron, Ohio, who was to have delivered an address at its meeting in Elyria, in June, but for reason, and much to our regret, was unable to be present.

We cannot but feel a commendable pride in thus having brought to that public recognition, to which, equally, with all others, the interests of the Reformed Church are entitled, thus enlarging our field and giving us advantages which we otherwise could not have had.

The Sunday-School Union of Ohio requests all Sunday-schools in the state to allow it the fifth Sunday collection in each of the four months of the year in which five Sundays occur for state and international work. The attention of synod is called to this request.

2. Conventions.

As far as we have been able to learn all the classes of the synod have this year held Sunday-school conventions. Programmes of Northern and Southern Districts of Miami, Lancaster, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, and three districts of Tuscarawas and Tiffin, accompany this report.

As last year, it is to be greatly lamented that, notwithstanding, the most earnest efforts of the President and Secretary of the Board, by large correspondence, published notices, &c., the reports of conventions required by the action of Delaware Synod in 1884 (see minutes, page 69, first resolution) were not furnished the board. The action of synod at Cedarville in 1886 (see minutes, page 60) requesting the Secretary of the Board to transmit a copy of synod's action upon this subject to the conventions, was fully complied with, but the result was still not reached. It is indeed to be regretted that synod's action, in this and many other matters, is so disregarded by the persons from whom such requests are made. The commendable exceptions of the officers of two districts of Tuscarawas, those of Lancaster, Tiffin, and St. Joseph Classes should be mentioned here as complying with the action.

These reports to your body might be made of larger interest if the helpful aid and interest of all the church were given us in its preparation. Nevertheless by a careful examination of the convention programmes and through advices gathered incidentally from private sources, your board has been led to believe that the conventions were fruitful in greater good, promotive of general Sunday-school intelligence and activity, and hence should be encouraged. One thing needs in this connection to be regretted, viz: the persistent absence of so many ministers at each or most of these classical conventions. One thing else we feel like commending, as brought to our notice in the programme of Lancaster Classis Convention viz: the assignment of so large a share of the programme to the active lay Sunday-school worker. This is certainly a step rightly taken, and deserves to be followed by other classes. Again your attention is called to the peculiar arrangement of the programme of Eastern Ohio Classical Convention, presenting an entire new feature which is said to have proved intensely interesting.

By one who has attended the conventions of that classis, from their first one, it is said, "The last was the best."

The new feature consisted in presenting a general topic for discussion, then sub-dividing it into special topics utilizing ministry and laity, male and female in discussion, essays, &c. The programme is commended to this synod.

On Sunday-school conventions your board has this to say, that strong efforts should be made to sustain them and make them interesting by wisely and thoughtfully constructed programmes. Second, that this synod should insist upon and urge the different classes to require the attendance of her ministers upon these conventions, and thus add enthusiasm to this noble work.

3. *Statistics.*

Our statistical report this year, as in other years, gives tangible evidence of the same work done and with better and larger results than before. The statistics this year from the different classes are fully as complete, if not more so, than in any former year, and yet there is room, by care, for greater improvement.

From these we gather the facts that are most interesting and encouraging to the church. They indicate the real progress, activity and even the growth of grace in the Sunday-schools of the synod, and are to be greatly prized, as in them we read *history*, that asssures the fidelity of the past, and *prophecy*, that insures "more and better work for Christ in the future." The board recommends in connection with the statistics, (1.) That the table accompanying this report be printed in the synodical minutes. (2.) The following changes in the statistical blank used by synod, as soon as the supply of present blanks are exhausted. (*a.*) The omission of column for "Average attendance." (*b.*) The omission of column for "Scholars over sixteen years of age." (*c.*) Omission of column for "Average attendance of officers and teachers."

In the case of (*a.*) and (*c.*), because the enrollment of schools or number of persons in our schools is the point of interest, and the average attendance column, without accomplishing any particular end, often gives our statistics an unsightly showing, often largely reduced by epidemic, inclem-

ent weather, and many other unavoidable causes. In the case of (*b.*), because hard to be determined and so seldom reported as again to give a bad impression to the public concerning our work among the young men and ladies, especially of the church.

We are glad to report this year that the statistics have come to us more in the regular way required by synod than usual, viz: through classes instead of conventions, and it is to be hoped that the error, so often committed in the past, stands forever corrected.

Among the encouraging features of this report you will be glad to learn an increase in nearly all the columns reported, over those of the same classes for last year, especially in those of "Total Enrollment," and "Collections for Benevolence." Indeed, with two classes less reported, each column still exceeds the corresponding one of last year, and quite largely in some cases.

4. Sunday-school Festivals.

In accordance with the instructions received from synod last year, the board, in addition to a "Children's Day Service," published this year services for Easter and Christmas. Copies of each of these services are presented to synod with this report. Each of these services met with a goodly sale, but not so large as they might if all our churches and Sunday-schools, loyal to the authorized services of the synod, had used them instead of substituting "Foreign and Independent Exercises," with any of which we flatter ourselves, ours compare for merit and interest, and have been so pronounced by the public when used side by side with them in other churches. It is greatly to be regretted and is indeed to be very deeply deprecated, that our pastors, superintendents and schools do not support and use these with all the other publications of the church, in preference to throwing their support and influence elsewhere.

But these services have found a place in our church and have come to stay. They have been of great good in building up a new interest and in filling up the benevolent treasuries of the church, Children's Day alone contributing in all the synods east and west at least three, and perhaps more, thousand dollars.

The board has labored diligently and prayerfully to meet the tastes and needs of the church, and at very small expense, and through the helpful aid of the Reformed Publishing Company at Dayton, has issued the services as requested, nearly 25,000 of "Children's Day Service" alone having been sold.

Your board now asks the synod again affectionately to recommend and request her pastors and Sunday-schools to use the services and publications of our own church, and that she advise all her schools to properly observe these festivals.

5. Ohio State Sunday-school Exhibit.

The attention of synod is called to the proposed State Sunday-school Exhibit, to be held in connection with the Ohio Centennial Exposition at Columbus in the fall of 1888. The proposition is this: Every denomination in the state is invited to show up its Sunday-school work, its present strength, its former growth, its progress and all matters of interest, by maps, charts, diagrams, a display in samples of denominational Sunday-school literature and publications, with all Sunday-school appliances. It is intended to make an exhibit worthy the cause. In connection with the exhibition, a great centennial mass-meeting will be held on the Fair Grounds, and on a certain Sabbath it is proposed to hold appropriate public services all over the state. The aim is to show up the real strength and power of the Sunday-school, and kindle a general enthusiasm in the cause.

Many denominations are already moving actively in the matter. Each denomination is asked to appoint one clerical and one lay delegate to serve upon the Board of Managers. The project has the hearty endorsement of Director General Hurst and Governor Foraker.

The board recommends to this synod the indorsement of this movement and the appointment of the two delegates to serve on the Board of Managers.

In addition to the recommendations in the body of this report, the board would also recommend and request the following:

1. That in view of the growing importance of the Sunday-school cause to our church, one evening of each synodical meeting be devoted to its interests, in hearing the report of

the board and discussion of topics relating to the work. Said service to be in charge of the board.

2. The board asks to be instructed with reference to its relation to General Synod's Board.

3. That the thanks of this synod be extended to Rev. J. J. Excell for music kindly furnished, and to others for contributions, for the services prepared by the board during the year.

The attention of synod is respectfully called to the fact that the terms of the following members of the board expire at this session, viz: Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Rev. G. H. Leonard.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and as amended, adopted, together with that of the board:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, would report that several papers have come into our hands; the first of which is the report of the Synodic Sunday-school Board.

From this we learn, with no little degree of satisfaction, that the Sunday-school work within our bounds is progressing in a commendable way; and that a deeper interest in this line of Christian work seems to be awakening throughout the bounds of our synod.

Based upon this report, and as suggested by it, we recommend the following for your favorable action:

1. That, inasmuch as the attention of synod is called to a request from the Ohio State Sunday-school Union to contribute to its finances, the attention of our churches is hereby directed to said request.

2. As certain classes have failed to comply with synod's action taken at Delaware, O., relative to securing and furnishing statistical reports, we therefore recommend that the attention of these classes be called to said action, and they be urged to comply.

3. We would also recommend the favorable action of synod on the following recommendations of the board: *a.)* That the statistical table accompanying this report, be printed in the minutes of synod. *b.)* The following changes in the statistical blanks used by synod: 1. The omission of columns for average attendance of officers, teachers and scholars. 2. The omission of column for scholars over sixteen years of age.

4. We also call attention to the proposed Ohio State Sunday-school Exhibit, referred to in the board's report, to be held in Columbus, O., in the fall of 1888, and recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we ask the Board of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod, if in their judgment they think best to arrange for and make such exhibit; and that synod, during its present sessions, elect one clerical and one lay delegate to act on the Board of Managers of said Exposition.

5. We recommend the setting apart of one evening of the synodic sessions to the discussion of topics relating to Sunday-school work, and that said meeting be under the charge of the board.

6. The Sunday-school Board of Ohio Synod asks your reverend body to define its relation to General Synod's Board.

7. That the thanks of this synod be tendered to Rev. J. J. Excell for music, and others for contributions for the services prepared by the board, during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. SKINNER, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the reports of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, Rev. Reuben Keller and Elder Victor P. Van Horne were duly elected as members of the Board of Managers of the Ohio State Sunday-school Exhibit, which is to take place at Columbus, Ohio, during the Centennial year of 1888.

III. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE OHIO SYNOD, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1887.

CLASSES.	STATED CLERKS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Months held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	No. of Scholars over 16 years of age.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Average Attendance of Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of Members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. Volumes in Library.	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Collections for use of Schools.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teachers' Meetings?		Do you Study the Catechism in S. S?	
															Yes	No.	Yes	No.
Miami	H. M. Herman, D. D..	47	10 11-12	4,945	3,044	1,434	677	443	5,161	192	1,066	2,922	$2,003 00	$480 00	11	12	5	17
Lancaster	G. H. Leonard	22	11 1-5	1,857	1,304	933	274	223	2,132	182	350	1,293	761 00	276 00	2	8	1	9
Tuscarawas ...	R. C. Zartman	45	11 4-9	3,844	2,270	1,017	499	338	4,202	143	1,884	1,829	1,520 00	490 00	11	7	6	12
Tiffin	J. D. Neff	24	11	1,932	1,291	518	255	194	2,159	130	1,308	739	730 00	264 00	4	10	4	10
Eastern Ohio..	R. B. Reichard	24	10 1-12	2,365	1,621	460	319	226	2,683	139	730	563	515 00	307 00	4	7	4	7
St. Joseph	John R. Skinner	35	10 1-2	2,285	1,545	921	375	241	2,730	140	684	947	631 00	82 00	6	1		6
Northern Ill...	Joshua Wolbach	21	11	949	405	135	123	41	1,072	11	450	860	42 00	53 00	4	5	2	7
Total, 6.		218	11	18,177	11,480	5,418	2,522	1,706	20,139	937	6,472	9,153	$6,202 00	$1,952 00	42	49	22	68

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly. Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. David W. Ebbert. Rev. George H. Leonard.

V. RELATION OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARDS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, during the morning session on Monday, reported in the sixth resolution that the Board of Sunday-schools requested this synod to define the relation between the Sunday-school Boards of the Ohio Synod and of the General Synod. This request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John M. Kendig, Wm. H. Shults and John R. Skinner. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee on Item 6, in the report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, would report as follows:

The Item is founded upon a request made by the Sunday-school Board to synod, asking synod to define the relation between the Board of the Ohio Synod and the Board of the General Synod.

The matter was referred to us at so late an hour, that it became impossible for us to consider it as its importance demands. Your committee recommend that the item be referred to a special committee, who shall thoroughly investigate the matter, and report at the next annual meeting of the synod. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. John M. Kendig, Sebastian C. Goss and Reuben Keller.

VI. THE ISSUE OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, reported in Item

7 that the District Synods were to take such action as would enable the Sunday-school Board of General Synod to issue the required Sunday-school publications for the whole Reformed Church. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John M. Kendig, Theo. J. Bacher and Elder Irvin Yost. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and as amended adopted:

The Special Committee on Item 7 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, would report the following:

The item referred to your committee is based on the following instructions from the General to the District Synods found on page 95, of the Minutes of the late General Synod:

"That the District Synods take such action as will enable the General Board to issue for the use of the whole church, an Instructor for teachers, Lesson Helps for schools, and Sunday-school papers, in English and German, without however, requiring that the one shall be a translation of the other; the benefit of the publications to be distributed among the publication houses, by having the publications issued from each of them as at present."

The points involved in this action are mainly these: first, the preparation of the literature for our Sunday-schools by the Board of the General Synod, and for the whole church; second, the method of publishing these supplies by the various publishing houses of the church.

The desire that we shall unite in the preparation and publication of literature for the whole church, is one that is generally expressed by our best Sunday-school workers. Our own synod has taken positive action in regard to this very point, and overtured the General Synod to take measures to secure this result.

As to the second point, your committee is of the opinion that to have each of our publication houses publish separate editions of the Sunday-school periodicals, will not reach one desirable point looked for in such united action. This is in regard to cheapness in our publications. We believe our papers and supplies are now published as cheaply as our publishers can afford to do, but we also believe that if the whole edition

could come from one house prices might be lower, and this would assist largely in the more general use of our publications in our schools.

But we are conscious of the fact that serious difficulties exist in regard to the accomplishment of this end, and that time will be required before all can be attained. The committee express the ardent hope that before very long our entire work in this respect may be unified.

Whether this synod can take any definite action "as will enable the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod" to make such issues of literature as General Synod desires does not appear clear to us. If we knew that this General Synod's Board would immediately set itself to work to do this, the problem might be left to work its own solution. But they do not appear ready to do so. As the matter now stands, it seems better to place it in the hands of our board, with instructions to execute General Synod's desire as early as possible, but also with instruction to continue our publications until the other board has completed its plans and is ready to execute them.

We recommend the following as sufficient action:

Resolved, That the attention of the Ohio Synod's Sunday-school Board be called to the action of the General Synod relating to the joint issue of Sunday-school publications, and that so far as they find it practicable, and as speedily as possible, they endeavor to secure the results desired by the General Synod.

Resolved, That until this end be attained of united publication, our Board and Publishing House shall continue to provide all publications called for, or required by the Sunday-schools of our synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, reported in item 17 that an appeal was taken by Rev. Anson L. Hassler from a certain action of St. Joseph Classis to the Ohio Synod, and that Revs.

William H. Xanders, John R. Skinner and Allen K. Zartman, were appointed as counsel, with authority to associate other counsel with themselves, if they saw fit, to defend said classis before the Ohio Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this appeal, with all the papers bearing on the case, be referred to a special committee to examine whether it is in order, and if found in order to report the manner in which it shall be considered before synod.

The committee consists of Revs. George H. Leonard, John J. Leberman, Dr. Henry M. Herman, and Elders Horace Ankeney and Victor P. Van Horne. This committee, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted. Then, on motion, it was reconsidered, and laid on the table for the present. Subsequently the report was taken up and further considered. It was amended and put on its adoption; but after some discussion, it was again laid on the table for the time being.

During Friday afternoon session, the report was again taken up and further discussed. The "previous question" was moved and sustained. Thereupon the report as amended was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Special Committee appointed to examine whether the appeal of A. L. Hassler against the decision of St. Joseph Classis is regular and ready for hearing,—respectfully report that the appeal is regular and in order.

1. That all the papers in this case be read before the synod.

2. We recommend that this case of appeal be heard on Saturday at 8 A. M.

3. That the following order for hearing it be adopted:

A. That one hour be allowed the appellant.

B. That one hour be allowed the appellee.

C. That fifteen minutes be allowed the appellant to reply to the appellee. Respectfully submitted,

G. H. LEONARD,
J. J. LEBERMAN,
H. M. HERMAN,
HORACE ANKENEY,
V. P. VAN HORNE.
Committee.

During Monday afternoon session, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That, inasmuch as no definite Synodical Archives have been established, a special committee be appointed to consider the matter of Archives for the use of the Ohio Synod, with a special reference to place, and present a report thereon.

The committee consists of Elder Horace Ankeney, Revs. Jerome B. Henry and Charles W. Good. This committee, during the evening session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee on the disposition of literary works, books, pamphlets, periodicals and documents of synod, which have been or may be consigned to the "Archives" of the synod, would respectfully recommend the following:

That all literary works, books, pamphlets, periodicals and documents, other than those pertaining to the routine business of synod, be placed by the keeper of the Archives in the library room of Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, on a particular shelf, or in a cabinet suitable for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Chairman.*

A book, entitled "The Origin of the Reformed Church in Germany," by Rev. James I. Good, D. D., was presented to the synod by order of the author. The book, on motion, was thankfully accepted, and then referred to a special committee to report thereon. The committee consists of Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Alpheus E. Baichly and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee, during Monday afternoon session, submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the book entitled, "The History of the Reformed Church in Germany," by Rev. James I. Good, D. D., would respectfully report that they have examined the work as thoroughly as it was possible for them to do, in the midst of the busy sessions of a synodical meeting.

The purpose of the book seems to be two-fold:

1. To give the history of the origin of the Reformed Church in Germany, as distinct from its rise and progress in Switzerland and other countries.

2. To show the causes that called into existence the Reformed Church as distinct and separate from the Lutheran type of Protestantism.

The book abounds with useful knowledge, that ought to be disseminated among our congregations. The facts and history, which are here spread out, are such as are absolutely necessary for a full, clear and intelligent comprehension of the great Reformation of the 16th century, and its subsequent glorious fruitage in the Protestant churches.

One characteristic of this book impresses us most favorably, namely, the fervid spirit of church-love,—not in a sectarian spirit, but in true churchly fealty. We feel confident that in this respect the circulation of the book among our churches will have a most salutary influence.

The closing chapter on the "Reformed World" is well calculated to inspire our zeal for, and our interest in the Reformed faith in its world-wide character. Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily commend this book to our people.

Resolved, Further, that the book be placed in the Archives of synod. Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Thursday morning session, reported in item 3 that a paper was received from Rev. John V. Potts, accompanied by a copy of his book, entitled "The Otterbein Movement." This item was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. John J. M. Gruber, Louis B. C. Lahr and Elder Henry Himes. This committee, during Monday afternoon session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on the overture of Rev. J. V. Potts, having reference to a book entitled, "Christian Cooperation," submit the following:

Resolved, That this synod accepts the work with thanks, and place it in the Archives.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the work has been acted upon by a former synod, it only remains for us to commend this new edition to the patronage of the people.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. M. GRUBER, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, reported in item 8 that Miami Classis declined to accede to the apportionment of $10,000 for the endowment of the Theological Seminary. The subject matter thereof was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, John H. Bomberger and Elder Lewis Keller. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your committee would report that the action cited in the Minutes of Miami Classis seems to have no place in the previous authorization of classis or synod on the subject of endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Therefore your committee recommends that this synod call the attention of Miami Classis to the error of its implied action; and that the same be corrected according to the facts in the case.

That Miami Classis be commended for its timely provision of $200 for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary, and be kindly urged to continued effort in behalf of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BACHER, *Chairman.*

ORGANIZATION AND AIM OF SYNOD OF INTERIOR.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 4 that an official notice was received of the recent organization of "The Synod of the Interior," and a statement of its purpose and aim, with friendly greetings. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the official communication, apprising this synod of the regular organization of "The Synod of the Interior," is hereby cordially accepted and ordered to be embodied in the printed minutes as matter of history.

In accordance with the requirement of the foregoing resolution, the said "official communication" is here annexed, viz:

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States: Greeting:

It is hereby certified that, in accordance with the action of the Ohio Synod at its last annual meeting, and the authority

granted by the General Synod at its late triennial sessions at Akron, the proposed new synod, including the classes of Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita, was regularly organized by the election of the required officers, under the name of "*The Synod of the Interior*," at Kansas City, Mo., September 29th, 1887.

And as expressive of the purpose and aim of its organization, the said synod adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Interior now organized by permission of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, (granted upon request of the several classes in its territory, and of the Synod of Ohio, to which they were subject); and appreciating the responsibility assumed for the future well-being and prosperity of the church, it places upon record the minute following:

In its separate organization—last born in the family of district synods—there is no change and much less a diminution of that relationship of Christian sympathy, fellowship and love which hitherto existed, it would avow its allegiance and purposed adherence in time to come to the tried doctrine and earnest piety of the Reformed faith; the doctrine and faith predominant in Protestant history, and moving evermore abreast in the progress of Christianity.

Its earnest purpose is and shall be the glory of God in advancing His Kingdom in the conversion of men, and extending His reign of "peace and good will" on earth; recognizing its feebleness in number, capacity and means for the great work before it in the immense, rapidly filling and important territory assigned it, it pleads most earnestly to the church in every part for her faith, prayer, sympathy and help. Our whole country, yea the whole world, for Jesus, is the glorious aim in view. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. STAUFFER,
Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Interior.

ABILENE, KANSAS, October 10, 1887.

ARTICLE XXI.
PUBLICATION.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication was organized in Cedarville, Ill., October 15, 1886, with the election of the following officers:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President.*
Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary.*
Rev. J. B. Henry, *Treasurer.*

From the report of the publishers, the only paper coming into our hands, we learn that the *Christian World* has been regularly issued during the year, and that its circulation has been enlarged. This has been effected through an agent employed for this purpose. Assistance has been given by different pastors, which is highly appreciated by the editors of our paper. The suggestion has been made that synod fix one Lord's day service in the interest of our religious literature. It is, of course, for synod to determine the advisability of this. The Sabbath-school literature has widened its circulation. This has been gained by the help of the different schools. In some schools where papers, not of our denomination, were taken, ours have found their way. The publishers believe that synod should declare that all schools should patronize our own publishing house. They believe that they are morally entitled to synod's interest, in their behalf.

During the year two books have been issued, one by Dr. Zerbe, "Europe Through American Eyes;" the other by the financial agent of Heidelberg College, Elder Henry Leonard, entitled "The Fisherman's Allegories." The generous offer is made by the author of the allegories, that whatever is made in their sale shall accrue to the interests of the college. Both books highly commend the workmanship of our publishing house, and should find many purchasers within our own church.

All the work done by the publishing house at Dayton, is before the church, and we believe the judgment passed upon it to be most favorable. The increased circulation of all the periodicals would plainly indicate this. Let the church then heartily join in support of this branch of our general work. Prompt payment of all subscriptions is requested by the board, as a means of not only showing appreciation, but help in this department of Christian activity.

The board feels abundantly justified in commending all our periodicals to the families of our church, and asks that our editors and publishers may be generously sustained by a more general patronage. The management from the financial standpoint is also commended to the confidence of the

church, and we can most appropriately congratulate all interested parties in the work done in the past year, and because of that prosperity which has followed.

Rev. Dr. Herman's and Rev. S. B. Yockey's time expire at this synod as members of this board.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with that of the board, adopted as amended:

Your Committee on Publication would submit the following as their report:

From the report of the Board of Publication we glean that our church and Sunday-school periodicals have been regularly issued during the year. The combined efforts of the pastors and the agent of the publishers have largely increased the circulation of the *Christian World.* This is gratifying, and it is hoped that soon all the families shall become readers of this organ of the synod. The literary merit and mechanical execution of these periodicals are deserving of praise.

Two books were issued by the publishing company, "Europe Through American Eyes," by Dr. A. S. Zerbe, and "The Fisherman's Allegories," by Henry Leonard. These books, in the judgment of your board, should find many purchasers within the bounds of this synod.

As the general dissemination of denominational literature will be conducive to spiritual growth and intelligent zeal among the people, we recommend the following:

1. That the request of the publishers be granted and the pastors be instructed to preach in each congregation of their respective charges on the subject of Christian Literature, specially urging the members to subscribe for and read the church periodicals.

2. That the Sunday-schools be requested to use the lesson helps and other Sunday-school periodicals of the church, giving preference to those issued by the Reformed Publishing Company.

3. That hereafter one question and answer of the star questions in Dr. Good's catechism, be printed on each lesson leaf of the Quarterly and Instructor, in lieu of the present order, and that the Reformed Publishing Company be asked to give due consideration to this proposed change.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. EBBERT, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Rev. Jerome B. Henry. Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. William E. Ludwick.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to have 1,300 copies of the minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute the same among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports received the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

J. H. Good, *in account with the Synod of Ohio from October 1, 1886, to October 20, 1887.*

DR.

To balance from last year	$777 [illegible]
Miami Classis, for 1886, in full	121 [illegible]
Lancaster Classis, for 1885 and 1886, in full	128 [illegible]
Tuscarawas Classis, for 1885 and 1886	91 51
Tiffin Classis, in full	54 [illegible]
Eastern Ohio Classis, for 1885	20 [illegible]
Northern Illinois Classis, in full	21 [illegible]
Northern Illinois, Debt of old Shelby Classis for 1884 and 1885, in part	16 [illegible]
Iowa Classis, in full	22 11
St. Joseph Classis, in full	37 [illegible]
Kansas Classis, in full	17 [illegible]
	$1,325 [illegible]

CR.

Dr. Reiter's salary as stated clerk for 1886	75 00
Rev. H. L. Hart, tickets and telegram	2 00
Sexton of Reformed Church at Cedarville, Ill	10 00
Rev. T. J. Bacher, traveling expenses to Kansas City	25 00
Sunday-school blanks and postage	1 20
Rev. S. Thomas, one-third traveling expenses to synod	14 00
Amount paid for printing minutes of synod	134 50
Rev. Dr. Reiter, sundry accounts	52 50
Treasurer's postage expenses, &c	4 36
	$318 56
Balance in treasury October 20, 1887	1,010 03
	$1,328 59

UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS.

Eastern Ohio Classis	$78 58
Shelby Classis	14 51
	$93 09

I now, for the last time, respectfully submit the above report showing the condition of the synodical treasury. May divine wisdom guide you in choosing my successor. I congratulate synod that I can turn over to it such a considerable balance, to wit, $1,010.03.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and with that of the treasurer, adopted:

The Standing Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

The treasurers' reports of the various boards of synod have been examined and found correct.

The treasurer's report of synod (Rev. Dr. Good,) has also been examined and found correct.

The classes have, with two exceptions, paid in full their apportionments to the contingent fund, and there is a balance in the treasury of $1,010.03.

The following classes are found to be in arrears:

Eastern Ohio Classis	$78 58
Shelby Classis	14 51

The attention of the above classes are now called to these delinquencies, and are requested to pay as soon as possible.

The following amounts have been referred to the Committee on Finance:

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Missions	$5,500 00
Church Erection	700 00
Beneficiary Education	2,000 00
Ministerial Relief	500 00
Bohemian Church Aid	93 39
Harbor Missions	227 00
Contingent	500 00

These amounts have been apportioned among the several classes as follows:

CLASSES.	Members.	Missions, 29½c. per Member.	Church Erection 3¾c. per Member.	Beneficiary Education 10½c. per Member.	Ministerial Relief 2⅔c. per Members.	Bohemian Church Aid ½c. per Member.	Harbor Missions, 12⅓c. per Member.	Contingent, 2⅔c. per Member.
Miami	4,938	$1,456 71	$185 05	$519 83	$131 68	$24 69	$60 35	$131 68
Lancaster	2,677	789 71	100 30	287 78	71 38	13 38	32 72	71 38
Tuscarawas	3,790	1,118 05	142 07	407 12	101 06	18 95	46 32	101 06
Tiffin	2,131	629 53	80 00	229 40	56 90	10 67	26 08	56 90
Eastern Ohio	2,857	842 82	107 08	307 13	76 18	14 29	34 92	76 18
St. Joseph	2,282	673 19	85 50	245 31	60 85	11 41	27 89	60 85
	18,678	$5,510 01	$700 00	$2,007 87	$498 05	$93 39	$228 28	498 05

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, Through the failure of the Church Erection Board to ask for an appropriation for the prosecution of its work, the Commitee on Finance has not made provision for such need; therefore

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to apportion the sum of $700.00 among the several classes for the use of the work of the said board, and place the same in a column of the tabulated report of the committee.

Also, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of Church Erection is heavily embarrassed by debts contracted by action of this synod, and then referred to the Board of Church Erection; and

WHEREAS, It is important, and much to the benefit of our missionary work, that this board be relieved of this embarrassing debt; and

WHEREAS, No provision has been made by way of appor-

tionment for the coming year looking towards helping the board to liquidate this debt; therefore

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars of the surplus funds now in the treasury of synod be given to the Board of Church Erection to be used in the liquidation of the debt of said board.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. John D. Neff. The report was received and as amended adopted. The committee was instructed to have three hundred copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod, which was accordingly done. The election of the several boards was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, which was subsequently, deferred until 11 o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. David A. Parks, William E. Ludwick, Jacob P. Stahl and Reuben Keller, were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets and counted the ballots, and during the morning session on Monday, reported the result.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions; XIV, Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg College; XVII, Sunday-schools; XX, Church Government; and XXI, Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 5 that a Standing Committee on Temperance was appointed to report a paper thereon to this synod. This item, having been laid on the table for the present, was subsequently taken up, when said committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Temperance respectfully presents the following:

Since there is a universal agreement that the church should utter no uncertain sound, but occupy an equivocal position in reference to any danger which may threaten the peace or endanger the spiritual progress of her people, and since there is universal agreement among all Christians that the liquor traffic does both; therefore

Resolved, That we as a synod, representing the most sacred interests of our people, declare relentless war upon the rum power, and we declare that we will accept no compromise, and agree to no settlement as a finality, until it shall be prohibited by a constitutional enactment in our national congress proscribing the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants as a beverage.

Resolved, That we regard with abhorence all efforts to regulate the traffic, either by taxation or license. It is repugnant to Christian morality, and we hereby refuse to become the voluntary beneficiaries of a business whose prosperity menaces our churches, cripples our Sabbath-school work, and destroys the peace of our homes.

Resolved, That we denounce the saloon as the greatest enemy of the Sabbath, and of that tranquility of community so essential to human happiness, for within its walls resistance to all law is planned. Here gambling, theft, arson, political debauchery, the degradation of women, murder, assassination, riot, have their conception, and often their birth.

Resolved, That we will employ all the means at our disposal so to revolutionize the sentiment of the people, that the open saloon will be an impossibility.

Resolved, That we hail with peculiar pleasure the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and that we promise to the devoted women of this orgrnization our prayers, that their work may become more and more efficient; that we join heartily with all Christian people, of whatever name, in the overthrow of the liquor power; and that we ask all our people to unite with us in prayer to Almighty God, for deliverance from the thraldom of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Temperance, appointed to submit a paper to the next synod, consists of Revs. John H. Bomberger, John R. Skinner, Louis B. C. Lahr, Solomon W. Seeman and Jacob P. Stahl.

DELEGATE TO AND FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

The delegate to the Central Synod, whose appointment was reported in item 7 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, presented the following report, during Thursday morning session, which was received and adopted:

Your delegate to the Central Synod, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, September 21, 1887, was not permitted to attend its sessions, much to his regret, in consequence of a death in his congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

Rev. John F. Winter appeared in synod at the opening of the morning session on Thursday, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding delegate from the Central Synod. The hearing of his address to this synod was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

At the appointed time the said delegate addressed this synod in an appropriate and fraternal manner, cordially conveying the kind greetings and wishes of the body he represented.

The president of this synod briefly and suitably responded.

The election of a delegate to the next Central Synod, which will meet in New Philadelphia, Ohio, September 12, 1888, at 7:30 P. M., resulted in the choice of Rev. George W. Henning, *primarius*, and Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, *secundus*.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

During the morning session on Monday, on motion, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. This motion, after a little discussion, we-

of the able and efficient efforts of the choir in the rendering of solos, quartettes and church music.

Resolved, That this synod extends its thanks to Mr. Wm. G. Starky, Artist, for the interest he has manifested in placing the large crayon pictures of our beloved Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., and our zealous missionary, Rev. A. D. Gring, before synod, and other service rendered by him.

Resolved, That this synod extends its thanks to the T. C. and H. V. R. R. for granting reduced rates to the delegates of this synod.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to each of the pastors in Lancaster to be announced from the pulpit, and also to the *Christian World* for publication.

The roll was called, and there were found absent without permission or excuse the following members, viz: Rev. John J. Excell, Elders Eli Diehl, Isaac Strickler, John Kagy, Irvin Yost and Frank D. Paulus. The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in general convention in the Reformed Church at Germantown, Montgomery County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 3, A. D., 1888, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday evening at half-past eight o'clock, with singing, repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, doxology and benediction by the president. JOHN I. SWANDER, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

ADDENDUM.

AN OMISSION SUPPLIED.

The *action* of synod on items 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12, in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, was by some oversight omitted on page 19 of these minutes. It is therefore here attested that all of said items were *adopted* by synod; and thus the printed minutes bearing on the case are made intelligible, and can be easily understood by reference to said items on pages 18 and 19.—*Stated Clerk.*

☞ *To the Stated Clerks of Classes:*

In preparing the Statistical Reports of Classes for the Synod, the following rules should be strictly observed:

1. Use none but the authorized form, and follow the order of the columns therein given.

2. Record the ministers in their regular order, with their *Christian* names in full (an *initial* letter is not a name), and their post office address on the same line in the proper column to the right.

3. The *names* of licentiates should be recorded immediately after the list of ministers, in the same column, with their address in the proper column.

4. *Avoid* erasures and interlineations, write *names and numbers distinctly legible*, and punctuate properly.

5. *Carefully add up and verify* every column of figures, *revise and correct* your report if necessary, and authenticate the same with your signature.

6. Moreover, prepare the official copy of your minutes for synod on large letter sheets, eight by ten inches, regularly paging the copy, and designate by marginal notes with red ink the items of business that will in any manner claim the consideration of the synod.

7. You are also enjoined by synod to furnish the president (of synod) with a copy of the Report on the State of Religion and Morals, within at least three weeks before the annual meeting of synod. (Minutes 1875, page 47).

8. As the Stated Clerk of Synod, according to Section 16 of the Rules of Order, is required to "prepare in advance of the time of the annual meeting of synod a complete roll of its members," the Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to furnish him with such roll, at least fifteen days before said meeting. Also, at the same time, *the summary of the statistics.*—*Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS. MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Conf'rmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communicants.	Transferred.	Exclusions.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Suspensions.	Suspensions. Restored.	Contributions. Benevolence. Payment.	Contributions. Church Purposes.	Remarks.	Post Office Address.
William A. Hale, D. D.,	1st Church, Dayton	1	555		14	13	36	25	425	87		1	5	1	8[illegible]		$811 00	$5,[illegible] 00	[illegible]	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	1	185		2	2	9	7	150	8			9	1	145		[illegible] 00	1,000 00	13	Xenia, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	340	111	13	3	17	9	365	8		10	9	1	301		448 00	1,[illegible] 00	10	Miamisburg, O.
.....	West Alexandria	3	340		6	3	16	8	302	4	1	30	6	3	2[illegible]		[illegible] 00	[illegible] 00	17	West Alexandria, O.
.....	Cæsar's Creek	2	122	90	2	2	9		110	1			9	1			40 00	[illegible] 00	7	Xenia, O.
.....	Fairfield	3	400		9	5	11	18	365	6		99	7	3	3[illegible]		[illegible] 00	4,1[illegible] 00	18	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	383	109	8	3	9	10	297	6		1	3	5	4[illegible]		801 00	[illegible] 00	30	Northampton, O.
William Smith	Highland	2	154			20	38	2	138	1		35	3	2	15[illegible]		48 00	700 00	8	Williamsburg, O.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	1	84	84	1			2	76				1	1	140		18 00	600 00	6	Hamilton, O.
George H. Souders	Port Jefferson	3	181	51	6	6	10	5	180				5	3	9[illegible]		150 00	710 00	13	Jefferson, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	2	200	76	8	6	8	6	187	8	1	6	2	2	5[illegible]		570 00	800 00	13	Farmersville, O.
" " " sup.	Winchester	1	28	6	1	2	1	4	28			8	1	1	70		10 00	70 00	1	" "
James T. Hale	Tremont City	3	174	95		4	8	4	160				3	2		1	105 00	800 00	16	Tremont City, O.
William H. Shultz	Springboro	1	113	87	8	18	21	8	105	1			1	1	139		110 00	470 00	9	Springboro, O.
Edward M. Beck	Germantown	2	232	118	8	5	5	4	208			9	6	2	5[illegible]		500 00	1,700 00	8	Germantown, O.
John Stuck	Pikeville	2	70	28	3	1	4	6	65				1	1	45		10 00	1,500 00	8	Pikeville, O.
" " sup	Salem	2	30	14	2	3	4	1	36				2				2 00	100 00	3	" "
Jerome B. Henry	Valley	3	311		9	8	18	9	240	8	2	1		3	3[illegible]	1	805 00	4,[illegible] 00	10	Dayton, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	288		6	12	25	8	200	16			3	3	9[illegible]		80 00	600 00	18	Arcanum, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver Creek	3	279	80	8	44	28	10	208	8			2	3	3[illegible]		389 00	1,740 00	10	Alpha, O.
Lewis B. Clayton	New Pittsburg	3	195	80	4	20	25	6	180			6	3	3	3[illegible]		87 00	2,000 00	13	Salamonia, Ind.
.....	Zions (Elk Creek)	1	28	1	1	8	11		28								10 00	300 00	4	Union, O.
William E. Ludwick	Greenville	3	140	85	3				100			30	3	3	10[illegible]		9 00	600 00	11	Greenville, O.
David W. Ebbert	Trinity (Dayton, O.)	1	80			4	7	10	88					1	8[illegible]		18 00	300 00	10	Dayton, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,	Without charge																			Miamisburg, O.
Thomas H. Winters	" "																			Xenia, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D	Editor Chr's. World																			Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks	" " "																			"
Jesse Steiner	Without charge																			Millersburg, O.
Levi Rike	" "																			Union, O.
Adam Hawker	" "																			Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chap. Soldiers' Home.																			Soldiers' Home, O.
Total, 25.		53	10,98	843	112	176	200	167	4216	180	1	16	1	71	48	472[illegible]	2	$6,040 00	$26,771 00	201	

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	491	85	24	29	65	14	390	20		1	6	2	297	1	$227 00	$1,170 00	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D.	Zions	1	277	136	8	7	21	13	217				4	1	122	1	360 00	1,050 00	10	Delaware, O.
David M. Christman	Union	4	277	190	5		2	5	250	4		5	3	4	175		150 00	800 00	12	Baltimore, O.
John A. Seitz	Stoutsville	3	232	102	7	7	11	2	160	1		2	6	2	140		140 00	500 00	7	Stoutsville, O.
*Francis M. Shults	Jerusalem Mission	4	215	75	15	38	57	4	180				2	3	190	1	148 00	503 00	5	Lima, O.
Jacob P. Stahl	Glenford	3	263	82	17	9	22	3	219	2			6	3	192	1	440 00	809 00	11	Somerset, O.
James Heffley	Winchester and Zions	3	108	55	8	3	15		105	5				3	75		49 00	400 00	5	Canal Winchester, O.
Sol. W. Seeman	Thornville	2	157		3			1	148	3			4	2	146	5	620 00	1,016 00	6	Thornville, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Winchester	1	218	74	12	7	11	10	183			4	3	1	307	1	352 00	2,113 00	8	Canal Winchester, O.
B. Frank, Davis	Kinnickinnick	3	135		5	1	6	2	106	2		2	2	2	135		97 00	1,057 00	12	Kinnickinnick, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	304		49	2	44	16	261	13	5	13	13	2	250		172 00	1,982 00	9	Lancaster, O.
Peter D. Schory	Without charge																			" "
Total, 12.		28	2677	799	153	127	258	70	2219	50	5	27	49	25	2029	10	$2,755 00	$11,400 00	95	

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STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts, Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William A. Hale, D. D.,	1st Church, Dayton	1	525		14	13	26	25	425	87	..	1	5	1	310		$811 00	$2,764 00	30	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	1	185		2	2	9	7	150	3	..		2	1	145		396 00	1,600 00	12	Xenia, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	340	111	13	3	17	9	265	3	..	10	9	1	301		446 00	1,575 00	16	Miamisburg, O.
.....	West Alexandria	3	340		6	3	16	3	262	4	1	56	6	3	328	..	27 00	240 00	17	West Alexandria, O.
.....	Cæsar's Creek	2	122	90	2	2	2	..	110	1	..		2	1		..	40 00	650 00	7	Xenia, O.
.....	Fairfield	3	400		9	5	11	13	365	6	..	22	7	3	320	..	209 00	2,155 00	15	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	383	102	8	8	9	10	297	6	..	1	3	5	450	..	301 00	800 00	30	Northampton, O.
William Smith	Highland	2	154	..	..	20	38	2	138	1	..	35	3	2	125	..	46 00	700 00	5	Hillsboro, O.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	1	84	34	1		..	2	75	..	..		1	1	140	..	15 00	650 00	5	Hamilton, O.
George H. Souders	Port Jefferson	3	181	51	6	6	10	5	130	..	..		2	3	200	..	150 00	710 00	12	Bellevue, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	2	250	76	3	6	8	6	237	3	1	6	2	2	260	..	270 00	850 00	12	Farmersville, O.
" " " sup.	Winchester	1	28	6	1	2	1	4	28	..	..	3	1	1	75	..	15 00	75 00	4	" "
James T. Hale	Tremont City	3	174	95	...	4	3	4	160	..	..	..	3	2	..	1	165 00	900 00	15	Tremont, City, O.
William H. Shults	Springboro	1	113	37	8	13	21	3	105	1	..	..	1	1	129	..	116 00	479 00	9	Springboro, O.
Edward M. Beck	Germantown	2	232	113	8	5	5	4	238	..	..	2	6	2	265	..	250 00	1,730 00	8	Germantown, O.
John Stuck	Pikeville	2	70	28	3	1	4	6	65	..	..	..	1	1	45	..	10 00	1,250 00	3	Greenville, O.
" " sup	Salem	2	36	14	2	3	4	1	36	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2 00	150 00	2	" "
Jerome B. Henry	Valley	3	313	....	9	8	18	9	249	3	2	1	1	3	253	1	335 00	4,608 00	10	Dayton, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	285		6	12	25	6	200	16	..	..	1	3	235	..	36 00	600 00	15	Arcanum, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver Creek	3	279	30	3	44	28	19	255	3	..	..	2	3	254	..	232 00	1,745 00	30	Alpha, O.
Lewis B. Clayton	New Pittsburg	3	195	30	4	20	25	6	150	..	..	6	8	3	282	..	32 00	2,000 00	12	Salamonia, Ind.
.....	Zions (Elk Creek)	1	23	1	1	8	11		23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 00	200 00	2	Heno, O.
William E. Ludwick	Greenville	3	140	35	3	....		...	100	..	..	20	3	3	150		9 00	550 00	10	Greenville, O.
David W. Ebbert	Trinity (Dayton, O.)	1	86	....	...	4	7	30	83	..	..	..	..	1	308	..	16 00	980 00	10	Dayton, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Miamisburg, O.
Thomas H. Winters	" "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Xenia, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D	Editor Chr's. World	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks	" " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	" "
Jesse Steiner	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Millerstown, O.
Levi Rike	" "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Heno, O.
Adam Hawker	" "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chap. Soldiers' Home,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	Soldiers' Home, O.
Total, 25.		53	4938	843	112	176	290	167	4216	139	4	163	71	48	4725	2	$3,946 00	$28,771 00	291	

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	491	85	24	29	65	14	390	20		1	6	2	297	1	$227 00	$1,170 00	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D.,	Zions	1	277	136	8	7	21	13	217				4	1	122	1	360 00	1,050 00	10	Delaware, O.
David M. Christman	Union	4	277	190	5		2	5	250	4		5	3	4	175		150 00	800 00	12	Baltimore, O.
John A. Seitz	Stoutsville	3	232	102	7	7	11	2	160	1		2	6	2	140		140 00	500 00	7	Stoutsville, O.
*Francis M. Shults	Jerusalem Mission	4	215	75	15	38	57	4	180				2	3	190	1	148 00	503 00	5	Lima, O.
Jacob P. Stahl	Glenford	3	263	82	17	9	22	3	219	2			6	3	192	1	440 00	809 00	11	Somerset, O.
James Heilley	Winchester and Zions	3	108	55	8	3	15		105	5				3	75		49 00	400 00	5	Canal Winchester, O.
Sol. W. Seeman	Thornville	2	157		3			1	148	3			4	2	146	5	620 00	1,016 00	6	Thornville, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Winchester	1	218	74	12	7	11	10	183			4	3	1	307	1	352 00	2,113 00	8	Canal Winchester, O.
B. Frank, Davis	Kinnickinnick	3	135		5	1	6	2	106	2		2	2	2	135		97 00	1,057 00	12	Kinnickinnick, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	304		49	2	44	16	261	13	5	13	13	2	259		172 00	1,982 00	9	Lancaster, O.
Peter D. Schory	Without charge																			" "
Total, 12.		28	2677	799	153	127	258	70	2219	50	5	27	49	25	2029	10	$2,755 00	$11,400 00	95	

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TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Sebastian C. Goss	Trinity Reformed	1	227	58	11	16	7	15	212	6	..		4	1	250	..	$128 00	$1,025 00	10	Wadsworth, O.
Albert Gonser	West Salem	4	240	28	7	9	22	11	220	3	..	16	5	4	225	..	100 00	678 00	16	West Salem, O.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	Shelby	4	153	..	....	1	1	7	116	5	..	....	5	4	150	..	87 00	252 00	16	Shelby, O.
John J. Excell	*Reedsburg	3	159	..	2	2	6	2	144	2	..	1	3	3	....	..	22 00	286 00	15	Wooster, O.
Solomon Ream	Summit	2	133	37	12	2	3	1	107	3		5	6	2	163	..	67 00	649 00	9	Liscomb, Iowa.
.....	Bristol	2	168	...	7	1	1	5	121	13	..	8	1	2	190	..	91 00	678 00	12	Marshallville, O.
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	244	..	11	7	14	4	224	6	..	23	6	4	293	2	235 00	840 00	19	Nimisilla, O.
John L. Bretz	Salem	1	101	32	16	3	4	6	79	2	..	4	4	1	100	..	41 00	2,158 00	10	Canal Fulton, O.
Frederick Mayer	St. Peter's	1	152	35	5	3	10	4	120	1	..	4	4	1	112	..	75 00	540 00	7	Apple Creek, O.
.....	Tuscarawas	4	266	80	13	5	5	3	225	7	..	..	1	3	250	..	230 00	800 00	17	
Edward H. Otting	Loyal Oak	4	333	151	19	....	16	9	251	5	..	15	3	4	340	..	166 00	925 00	20	Harmony, Pa.
Rufus C. Zartman	English Reformed	1	157	32	11	5	11	14	132	1	..	..	5	1	121	..	68 00	2 220 00	13	Wooster, O.
Jonas B. Shontz	Grace Reformed	1	566	166	37	17	40	34	321	6	..	24	3	1	474	..	375 00	1,716 00	15	Akron, O.
†E. Garver Williams	Canaan	2	110		7	..	..	3	95	..	..	....	9	2	125	..	110 00	550 00	10	Bellevue, O.
Emil P. Herbruck	Trinity Reformed	1	280	75	8	5	35	78	240	3		18	..	1	300	..	90 00	500 00	8	Canton, O.
John J. M. Gruber	Navarre	4	170	124	10	8	12	4	161	8	..		4	4	270	1	297 00	775 00	18	Navarre, O.
Jacob Ihle	Mohican	3	161	62	2	1	2	..	111	2	..	10	1	3	150		68 00	.....	11	Mohican, O.
Jonathan A. Novinger	Uniontown	3	160	86	18	5	15	1	150	2	..	1	15	3	210	..	242 00	725 00	12	Lake, O.
Total, 16.		45	3790	676	195	80	204	156	3030	75		130	79	44	3723	3	$2,490 00	$15,379 00	238	

*Served now by Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, Reedsburg, O.
†He is now a member of Tiffin Classis, and pastor of Zion's charge.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.[1]	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Reuben Good	Prof. Heid. College																		1	Tiffin, O.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Bascom and St. Jacobs	2	104	90	26	4	6	4	101	13			9	2	105		$95 00	$1,890 00	10	" "
Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D.	First Church, Tiffin	1	263	98	5	3	22	9	244	3			4	1	189	1	129 00	1,400 00	12	" "
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	2	180	60	23	2	11	10	171	6		6	2	2	155		83 00	775 00	10	Plymouth, Ind.
Samuel Shaw	Venice	2	58	35	9	1	2	1	42	2		6	1	2	110		34 00	300 00	6	Tiffin, O.
Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,	Pres. Heid. College																		1	Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D.,	Prof. Theo. Seminary,																		1	" "
John I. Swander, D. D.,	Fremont	1	108	38	8	2	10	1	100	1		6	4	1	60		1,150 00	350 00	5	Fremont, O.
H. H.W. Hibshman, D.D	Grace Church	1	177	78	11	6	12	19	160	2		2	3	1	179	2	193 00	4,725 00	12	Tiffin, O.
Charles O. Knepper	Lic. & Prof. Heid. Col.																		1	" "
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph., D.,	Prof. Heid. College																		1	" "
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	110	35	5		4	11	94	5			2	2	115	1	86 00	653 00	9	Fostoria, O.
Isaac A. Sites	Ada	3	135	60	10	4	6	6	115				1	2	140		100 00	560 00	6	Ada, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Paulding Mission	4	110	89	13	6	23	14	84			2		2	105	1	10 00	350 00	8	Payne, O.
George C. Gerlach	Liberty Center	3	109	36	3	2	2	10	99	1		2	3	2	124		6 00	200 00	11	Liberty Center, O.
George A. House	Helena	2	100	75	4	2	2	8	80					2	125		20 00	1,230 00	5	Helena, O.
William A. Miller	Lindsey	2	100	25	4	1	5		90	1		20	2	2	160		74 00	620 00	9	Lindsey, O.
John H. Buser	Ft. Seneca	3	115		2	3	3	5	100	1				3	200		50 00	700 00	10	Fort Seneca, O.
E. Garver Williams	Zious	2	260	128										2	170				10	Bellevue, O.
David A. Parks	Bloomville	1	113	43										1	150				4	Bloomville, O.
	Salem	1	22	20										1	40					
	Lima 1	3	70											2						Lima, O.
Jesse Richards	Without charge																			
Augustus Konetzka	" "																		1	Fostoria, O.
David S. Caldwell	" "																		1	Nevada, O.
Charles W. Good	" "																		1	Tiffin, O.
Edwin R. Williard	Prof. Heid. College																		1	" "
John D. Thomas 2	Licentiate																			Cochranton, Pa.
Total, 24		38	2134	910	123	36	108	98	1480	35		44	31	30	2127	5	$2,030 00	$13,753 00	146	

1. Now served by Rev. Francis M. Shults.
2. Dismissed to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and serving the Cochranton charge.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	2	350	120	23	7	78	15	335	10	..	10	6	2	363	1	$192 00	$975 00	20	Louisville, O.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	180	80	2	8	19	9	145	20	..	6	..	1	230	..	216 00	925 00	15	Columbiana, O.
Richard B. Reichard	New Lisbon	2	267	138	6	1	2	13	171	2	..	..	6	2	205	..	341 00	820 00	12	New Lisbon, O.
John M. Kendig	Canfield-Warren	6	438	175	16	4	7	8	340	4	..	..	6	4	295	..	61 00	950 00	33	Canfield, O.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	163	56	8	5	14	2	131	3	..	5	3	2	169	..	45 00	583 00	15	Germano, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	320	....	8	4	8	10	300	22	..	24	10	2	270	..	38 00	900 00	13	Carrollton, O.
Julius A. Toensmeier	Robertsville	3	368	101	8	2	20	..	280	12	..	25	10	2	280	1	47 00	725 00	25	Robertsville, O.
Nathan W. Bloom	Springfield	2	233	53	13	2	30	5	227	8	..	..	5	2	220	..	94 00	575 00	11	Petersburgh, O.
George W. Henning	Strasburg	4	214	120	17	7	16	3	202	2	..	..	6	4	280	..	29 00	270 00	12	Osnaburg, O.
" " " sup	St. John's	1	60	30	3	2	9	..	58	1	..	..	..	1	47	..	6 00	100 00	2	"
Adolph J. Meyer	Mt. Olivet	2	264	134	....	..	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	2	175	..	.....	.....	10	North Lima, O.
Michael A. Miller	Without charge	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	....	Carrollton, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe	" "	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	....	Youngstown, O.
Frank C. Witthoff	" "	..	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	....	Teegarden, O.
Francis A. Edmonds	" "	..	....	..	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	....	Harmony, Pa.
Total, 14.		27	2857	1007	104	42	208	65	2189	84	..	71	52	24	2534	2	$1,069 00	$6,823 00	168	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Coutributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Coutributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Theodore J. Bacher	Grace Ref. Mission	1	169	52	4	12	28	18	141	10		27	1	1	153		$82 71	$923 35	6	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
William H. Xanders	Bluffton	3	170	147	8	1	3	6	123	3				3	265		100 00	470 00	13	Bluffton, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman	Zions	2	250	105	20	14	23	19	170			2	4	3	400		100 00	875 00	6	Goshen, Ind.
John A. Ketrow	Denver	3	160	47	2	3	6		70			2	2	1			22 65	230 00	7	Denver, Ind.
Luther P. Gross	Kentland Mission	2	55	39	4	1	1		46	1		6	2	2	80		17 00	310 10	1	Brook, Ind.
John H. Albright	St. Paul's Mission	2	105	10	10	20	41	14	70					3	155		30 00	295 00	7	Colon, Mich.
Israel Rothenberger	White Pigeon	2	64	10					58	2				2			4 00	300 00	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
Freeman Ware 1	Neriah	2	36	10	3	2	10		31	2		4		2	60		10 00	112 00	1	Erie, Mich.
Peter J. Spangler	Marshall	5	188	32	24	14	16	11	152	21		9	6	4	302	1	109 59	1,123 00	5	Plymouth, Ind.
John V. Potts	Bunker Hill	3	159	15			4			6		9	4	3	120	1		525 00	14	Pulaski, O.
John R. Skinner	Wakeshma	4	206	53	4	23	31	17	137	5		2	4	4	304		127 00	934 00	10	Fulton, Mich.
John M. Kessler	Mulberry	4	335	320	19		3	8	287				3	3	280	2	141 60	874 15	25	Mulberry, Ind.
	Union 2	2	123	36	3			1	116			1	4	2	120		16 64	372 00	8	Waterloo, Ind.
W. E. Ludwick 3	Three Rivers	1	105	50	3	2	12	17	82	7		10	3	1	115		65 00	700 00	6	Three Rivers, Mich.
	Moore Park	1	32	20	4		7	1	25	4		4		1	60	1	30 00	460 00	5	" " "
onathan C. Beade	Winamac	4	115	86	21	7	14	3	63			18			185		29 00	430 00	4	Winamac, Ind.
m. G. Hackman	Without charge																		1	Elkhart, Ind.
aniel Kroh	" "																		1	Toledo, O.
lias Spangler	" "																		1	Edgerton, O.
	West Jefferson 4	1	8																2	Pulaski, O.
onas Michael	Without charge																			Winamac, Ind.
nson L. Hassler	" "																			Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Total, 19.		42	2282	1032	129	99	199	115	1511	61		94	33	35	2599	5	$913 16	$7,883 60	126	

1. Recently took charge of Three River charge.
2. Until recently, supplied by Rev. J. C. Beade.
3. Recently took charge of Greenville Mission, Greenville, O.
4. Supplied by Rev. J. V. Potts.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	[illegible]sed.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Schools.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Miami	1	25	53	4938	843	112	176	290	167	[illegible]									
Lancaster	1	12	28	2677	799	153	127	258	[illegible]										
Tuscarawas	1	17	45	3790	676	195	80	[illegible]											
Tiffin	1	24	38	2134	910	123	[illegible]												
Eastern Ohio	1	14	27	2857	1007	104													
St. Joseph	1	19	42	2282	1032	[illegible]													
Total	6	111	233	18[illegible]															

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SPECIAL MEETING OF OHIO SYNOD.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Ohio Synod, convened in Special Session in the First ned Church at Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 2, 888, at 9 A. M., and adjourned at 4 P. M., on the y.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

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oceeded to perfect the roll, and, when it was com- members were found present:

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

ockey, Dr. Henry M. Herman, Harvey L. Alpheus E. Baichly, Edward M. Beck, James t, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter and Michael Loucks. Jacob Myers, Benjamin Kuhns, George N.

NCASTER CLASSIS.

rd, Dr. John Vogt, John A. Seitz, Jacob P. m. H. Smith and B. Frank Davis. and George Loucks.

AWAS CLASSIS.

rt Gonser, Sebastian C. Goss, John J. Shultz, Rufus C. Zartman and John

Metcalf, George Souder, William H.

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Statistical Summary in general..... 11[illegible]
Sunday-schools, Report of Board of ..... 7[illegible]
" " Report of Committee on.... ..... 8[illegible]
" " Statistical Summary of ..... 8[illegible]
" " Election of Board of..... 8[illegible]
" " Committee on Relation of Boards of..... 8[illegible]
" " Publications of, by General Synod's Board..... 8[illegible]
" " Additional column adopted, in item 9 ..... 1[illegible]
Synod, Central, Delegate from the.... ..... 10[illegible]
" " Delegate to the ..... 10[illegible]
" General, The next triennial meeting of..... ... . 1[illegible]
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SPECIAL MEETING OF OHIO SYNOD.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod, convened in Special Session in the First Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 2, A. D. 1888, at 9 A. M., and adjourned at 4 P. M., on the same day.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

In accordance with an official call by the President, the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in special session, as a general convention, in the First Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 2, A. D. 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m. The President and Stated Clerk being present, occupied their official positions. The opening religious services were conducted by the President, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., and the synod was constituted with prayer by Rev. Michael Loucks.

The synod then proceeded to perfect the roll, and, when it was completed, the following members were found present:

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers—Samuel B. Yockey, Dr. Henry M. Herman, Harvey L. Hart, William H. Shults, Alpheus E. Baichly, Edward M. Beck, James H. Steele, David W. Ebbert, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter and Michael Loucks.

Elders—Robert Miller, Jacob Myers, Benjamin Kuhns, George N. Whipp and Horace Ankeney.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers—George H. Leonard, Dr. John Vogt, John A. Seitz, Jacob P. Stahl, Louis B. C. Lahr, G. Wm. H. Smith and B. Frank Davis.

Elders—George F. Hoffman and George Loucks.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers—John L. Bretz, Albert Gonser, Sebastian C. Goss, John J. M. Gruber, Jacob Ihle, Reuben F. Shultz, Rufus C. Zartman and John A. Danner.

Elders—John Ginther, John L. Metcalf, George Souder, William H. Bahl.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers—Reuben Good, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, George H. Souder, Dr. George W. Williard, Dr. Herman Rust, Dr. John J. Swander, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, John D. Neff, William A. Miller, John H. Buser, E. Garver Williams, David A. Parks, Chas. W. Good, Edwin R. Williard and Francis M. Shults.

Elders—Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., John Deck, Lewis Keller and Robert Lucas.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers—John J. Leberman, John H. Bomberger, John M. Kendig and Reuben Keller.

Elders—John Coy, Josiah Rohrbaugh, Joseph Yeager and Jacob Simon.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers—William H. Xanders.

Advisory Members—Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner, of Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

Ministers from other Churches—Rev. Samuel Schwam, of the English Lutheran Church, and Rev. O. V. W. Chandler, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first seven pews in front.

ARTICLE III.

THE OFFICIAL CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The president read the call for this special meeting of synod, containing five items, which claimed the attention of synod. This call is embodied here, and is as follows:

In virtue of a regular written request received in accordance with Article LXVI. of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, notice is hereby given by the undersigned that there will be a special meeting of the Ohio Synod in general convention, in the First Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, commencing on Wednesday, May, 2, A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock a. m., for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following matters, namely:

1. To hear a report from the Seminary Board of Trustees, and adopt such action respecting the seminary as may be necessary under existing circumstances.

2. To elect a Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

3. To take into consideration the propriety of establishing a third professorship in the seminary, to be known as "The Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology."

4. To elect a professor to said professorship, provided it be established by synod.

5. To define more fully the action taken by the last synod with respect to the proposed incorporation of the seminary.

As this special meeting of synod involves important and vital interests relating to the seminary and the church, a full and punctual attendance of delegates is respectfully requested. JOHN I. SWANDER,

FREMONT, O., March 20, 1888. *President of the Ohio Synod.*

ARTICLE IV.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Item 1. The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, under item 1 in the official call, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your board respectfully submits the following report:

The present organization was made at Lancaster, Ohio, October 31, 1887, by the election of the following officers:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, President, Xenia, Ohio.

Mr. G. G. Prugh, Secretary, Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Horace Ankeney, Treasurer, Alpha, Ohio.

At this meeting the president of the board was requested to urge Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., and Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., to continue their services in the seminary; the latter has continued to do so, the former shortly after the adjournment of synod withdrew, leaving the seminary with an inadequate teaching force, as Professor Zerbe could give but a portion of his time to this work.

A second meeting of the board was held in Dayton, December 7, 1887. At this time an Executive Committee was created, to act for the board, should necessity demand it. It was also learned officially that Rev. Dr. Hibshman had retired from the seminary. It therefore became necessary to fill the vacancy, which was accordingly done by the unanimous appointment of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., to this position for the balance of the seminary year. He was immediately informed of this action of the board, and urged to help in this crisis of the seminary.

At the opening of the seminary, after the holiday vacation, Dr. Swander responded to the urgent solicitation of the board, and began teaching those branches formerly taught by the president of the seminary, the lamented Dr. Good.

By the means here indicated, the board was enabled to carry forward this department of our church activity; and it is but just in this public way, to gratefully acknowledge the services rendered by Dr. Hibshman, Dr. Zerbe and Dr. Swander. These brethren came to our relief in the very crisis of the seminary's difficulties. The seminary year of 1887-'88 will be successfully closed May 1, and this was made possible by the

help afforded by the brethren whose names have already been given.

But with this commencement of the seminary also ends the engagements with Dr. Zerbe and Dr. Swander. And on the 24th of February, 1888, the Executive Committee of the Board learned officially of the declination of Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of his election to the Professorship of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary. Thus leaving this most important school with but a single teacher. It will require no argument to make all willing to share in the responsibility of an election at this time.

1. The board therefore recommends that synod, in harmony with the constitutional provisions, proceed to the election of a Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

2. The board also most respectfully overtures the Ohio Synod, in regard to the establishment of a Third Professorship in the seminary, by the following action, namely:

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully and earnestly overture the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States to establish a third professorship in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, to be known as the Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

Resolved, That we cordially recommend to the Ohio Synod the election of Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., to said professorship, for which he possesses very commendable qualifications, at a salary of $200 for the first year, $250 for the second year, and $300 for the third year as the maximum.

Resolved, That we as a board hereby respectfully request the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College to grant Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., the privilege of devoting a portion of his time to teaching branches of the proposed Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the seminary.

4. Your board submits to this synod the following action for its consideration, viz:

WHEREAS, The Ohio Synod at its last annual meeting "resolved that Heidelberg Theological Seminary be incorporated according to the laws of the State of Ohio," (Min. 1887, pages 53 and 64), without designating the agency through which said incorporation should be procured; therefore, in order to complete the aforesaid action, the synod is hereby overtured to adopt the following action, namely:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the seminary is hereby instructed to prepare the form of said incorporation, and report the same to the synod during its next annual meeting.

5. The financial condition of the seminary may be seen in the treasurer's statement. The board endeavored to secure an agent for the purpose of increasing the endowment fund, as directed by the action of the synod at its last annual meeting. At present we cannot tell what the result of our efforts will be.

In view of our great financial need, the board felt justified in issuing

an appeal to all the pastors in our borders. We have been grievously disappointed, especially because the action of the General Synod called the attention of the entire church to the importance of proper support for our seminaries. Only a few responded to this appeal. Had a general response followed, our finances would be in a much better condition than we are now able to report. Among other problems to be solved in the interest of our seminary, is the money problem. It is known to all that our endowment must be increased. How shall this be done? Shall we expect our newly elected professor or professors to take the field and canvas in the interest of the cause? This possibly can be done—and if done during the vacation, the seminary would not suffer; but we should not even think of having it done at the expense of having less teaching in the seminary.

The board would suggest that this synod appoint a financial agent—(1) to increase the endowment, and (2) to raise funds for the immediate use of the seminary.

6. The board also recommends that the officers of this synod request presidents of the different classes to call the roll at their next annual meetings to ascertain whether the several pastors have responded to General Synod's instructions to commend the seminary with all its interests, to the liberality of our people.

7. The following action was adopted by the board, with respect to the lamented Dr. J. H. Good:

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, after many wearisome months of affliction and suffering, Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., the honored President of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and the efficient Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology, has been called away from his responsible labors to his blessed rest; and

WHEREAS, He has been the prominent factor in the founding of our Western Institutions, and rendered eminent service in the sphere of education and church enterprises, proving himself an able theologian, a successful teacher and a forcible writer; and

WHEREAS, Through his lamented death, the seminary and the church have sustained a great loss; therefore

Resolved, That, while we as a board unite with the church in expressing our sorrow because of his departure, we will ever cherish his memory, and gratefully recognize his unsullied Christian character, his scholarly attainments, his versatile genius, his extensive information, his genial nature, and his great usefulness to our institutions and the church.

Resolved, That as a Christian educator, a clear expounder, a faithful worker and an earnest defender of the truth "as it is in Jesus," his life may be pointed out to students in general, and especially to students of theology and sacred literature, as an example eminently worthy of their study and emulation.

Resolved, That the board tenders its sincere sympathy to his greatly

bereaved widow and son, and invokes upon them the sustaining and consoling grace of the Lord.

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of the foregoing action to the bereaved family, and also for publication in the CHRISTIAN WORLD and the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

ARTICLE V.

ACTIONS OF SYNOD.

ELECTION OF PROFESSORS.

Item 2 in the official call was adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the synod now proceed to nominate candidates for the vacant Professorship of Dogmatic and Practical Theology.

Whereupon the following named persons were put in nomination, namely:

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Fremont, Ohio.

Rev. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Kutztown, Pa.

On motion, the election was made the order of the day for Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. At the appointed time, after solemn prayer for divine guidance, led by Rev. John Vogt, D. D., the synod proceeded to the election. The president vacated the chair, and called Rev. Sebastian C. Goss to preside. Revs. George H. Leonard, Edward M. Beck, John H. Bomberger and Rufus C. Zartman were appointed tellers. The election was held, and after counting the ballots the result was ascertained to be as follows:

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., received 44 votes, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., 18, and Rev. Nathan C. Shaeffer, Ph. D., 1.

On Motion of Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., it was

Resolved, That the election of Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., who has received a majority of all votes cast, be and hereby is made unanimous.

Resolved, That the president and stated clerk of synod be instructed to forward a call to the professor elect, with a stipulated salary of twelve hundred dollars.

Item 3. This was adopted, and, on motion the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby establishes a Third Professorship in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, to be known as, "The Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology."

Item 4. Adopted. Then, on motion, the synod proceeded to the nomination of candidates for the Professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., was nominated, and thereupon the nominations closed.

On motion, the election was made the order of the day immediately

after the election of the professor already ordered for Wednesday at 2 o'clock, p. m.

At the appointed time, the synod proceeded to the election. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the ballot for Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., for Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

This was accordingly done, and he was declared elected to said position. Then, on motien, it was

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to forward a call to the Professor-elect, with a salary at the rate of $200 for the first year, $250 for the second year, and $300 for the third year as the maximum.

AMENDED ACTION ON INCORPORATION.

Item 5. Adopted. In order to complete the action of the last synod (Min. 1887, pages 53 and 64), with respect to the incorporation of the seminary, and in accordance with the overture of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the seminary is hereby instructed to prepare the form of said incorporation, and report the same to the synod at its next annual meeting.

ELECTION OF FINANCIAL AGENT.

When number 5 in the report of the Board of Trustees, relating to the appointment of a Financial Agent, was under consideration, the item itself was adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the synod proceed to nominate candidates for Financial Agent of the Seminary.

Thereupon Elder Horace Ankeney was nominated for said position, and the nominations were closed.

Resolved, That the election for said agent be made the order of the day, immediately after all the items in the official call shall have been disposed of.

At the designated time the election proceeded.

The synod, on motion, ordered that the Stated Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot for Elder Horace Ankeney, the nominee for Financial Agent of the Seminary. This was accordingly done, and he was declared elected as such agent.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF CLASSES.

On the adoption of number 6 in the report of the Board of Trustees, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of synod be instructed to correspond

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church at Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday, the third day of October, at half-past seven o'clock, in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening at nine o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod convened in the First Reformed Church at Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, October 3, A. D., 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened with a sermon by the President, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., on I. Cor. 16: 13 and 14, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity." After the sermon the synod was constituted with prayer by the President.

The synod then proceeded to complete the roll, and effect a permanent organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—William A. Hale, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, Henry M. Herman, D. D., Harvey L. Hart, William H. Shults, George Z. Mechling, Richard B. Reichard, Alpheus E. Baichly, B. Frank Davis, Edward M. Beck, William H. Tussing, James H. Steele, John A. Ketrow, William E. Ludwick, David W. Ebbert, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Edward Herbruck, Ph. D., Michael Loucks, Jesse Steiner, Adam Hawker, Jacob V. Lerch.

Elders.—Benjamin Kuhns, William Kefauver, (*secundus* partly) Andrew H. Baughman, John H. Grove, Joseph P. Burtner, Robert Miller, Christopher Shearer, John H. Weaver, George Miller, Joseph F. Kemp, George N. Whipp, Horace Ankeney, Victor P. Van Horne and Moses W. Sears.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John A. Seitz, Solomon W. Seeman, Louis B. C. Lahr, G. Wm. H. Smith.

Elders.—George W. Tussing, Irvin Yost, George Loucks, Henry L. Crider.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Frederick Mayer, Rufus C. Zartman, Emil P. Herbruck, John C. Schaaf, Jacob Ihle, Jacob P. Stahl, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, Reuben F. Shultz, Albert Gonser.

Elders.—William H. Bahl, John L. Metcalf, Jeremiah Dice.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Samuel Shaw, George W. Williard, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., John I. Swander, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Isaac A. Sites, John H. Buser, E. Garver Williams, David A. Parks, Francis M. Shults, George H. Souder, Edwin R. Williard, David Van Horne, D. D.

Elders.—John T. Derr, Edward Andre, Conrad Hensinger, Joseph Zieber.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, John H. Bomberger, John M. Kendig, John J. M. Gruber, Reuben Keller, Nathan W. Bloom, George W. Henning.

Elders.—John Coy, Josiah Rohrbaugh, Willoughby I. P. Troxell, Simon Bricker, J. Hiram Smith, Henry Swallen.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Allen K. Zartman, Luther P. Gross, Nathaniel H. Loose, Lewis B. Clayton.

Elders.—None present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Miami Classis.—Elder M. D. Myers.

From Tiffin Classis.—Elder Henry King.

From Cincinnati Classis, Central Synod.—Revs. Henry A. Meier and William H. Fenneman.

From St. John Classis, Central Synod.—Rev. Joseph A. Keller.

From Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Peter C. Prugh, D. D.

VISITING MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Peter Moerdyke, Reformed Church in America.
Rev. A. Paige Peeke, Reformed Church in America.
Rev. James R. Hughes, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Joseph. H. Montgomery, D. D., Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Prentiss De Veuve, D. D., Presbyterian Church.
Rev. William F. McCauley, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Mendenhall J. Dennis, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. D. H. French, United Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Jacob G. Neiffer, Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. E. Baker, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. C. Mueller, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. William Herr, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. Adam Bowers, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. Valorous F. Brown, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. David Clark, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. J. M. Payne, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. George M. Mathews, United Brethren Church.
Rev. S. M. Mowers, United Brethren Church.
Rev. J. W. Kilbourn, United Brethren Church.
Rev. Henry F. Colby, D. D., Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. James H. Steele, *Corresponding Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first nine pews in front of the chancel of the church.

The hours fixed upon for the opening and closing of the sessions of the present synod were as follows:

The Morning Sessions to open at nine o'clock and close at half-past eleven.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two o'clock and close at half-past four.

There was also a session on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President of Synod:

Religious Services.—Revs. Dr. William A. Hale, Edward M. Beck, Edwin R. Williard, Alpheus E. Baichly, and Louis B. C. Lahr.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Alpheus E. Baichly, Louis B. C. Lahr, Jacob P. Stahl, Elders George Loucks and Jeremiah Dice.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. John J. Leberman, John M. Kendig, John J. M. Gruber; Elders Henry L. Crider and Conrad Hensinger.

Overtures.—Revs. Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Samuel Shaw, G. Wm. H. Smith; Elders John T. Derr and Geo. W. Tussing.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Dr. Wm. A. Hale, E. Garver Williams; Elders John L. Metcalf and Victor P. Van Horne.

State of Religion.—Revs. Dr. John I. Swander, Dr. Edward Herbruck, Edward M. Beck; Elders Robert Miller and Joseph Zieber.

Missions.—Revs. Dr. David Van Horne, Rufus C. Zartman, George H. Souder; Elders Benjamin Kuhns and Edward Andre.

Theological Seminary and Education.—Revs. Allen K. Zartman, Edward M. Beck, James H. Steele; Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Christopher Shearer.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. Emil P. Herbruck, William H. Shults, David W. Ebbert; Elders Robert Miller and Victor P. Van Horne.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Samuel Shaw, Jacob Ihle; Elders Conrad Hensinger and Simon Bricker.

Publication.—Revs. Dr. Henry M. Herman, Samuel B. Yockey, Francis M. Shults; Elders Henry L. Crider and Horace Ankeney.

Finance.—Revs. John M. Kendig, George W. Henning, John J. M. Gruber; Elders Edward Andre and William H. Bahl.

Nominations.—Revs. David W. Ebbert, William E. Ludwick, John H. Buser; Elders John Coy and Moses W. Sears.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received and respectively referred:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Boards of Home Missions, and of its treasurer, together with the reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. The report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Board of Visitors and Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

5. The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. An overture from the executors and heirs of the estate of Dr. J. H. Good, deceased, having reference to the contract and publication of the Reformed Church Hymnal, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

10. Some other communications and papers were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of synod were opened and closed with appropriate devotional services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services presented their report through the chairman, and it was received, and as amended, accepted.

The Standing Committee on Religious Services present the following report:

REFORMED CHURCHES.

First Reformed Church.—Wednesday evening, the opening sermon by Rev. John I. Swander, D. D. Thursday evening, missionary services by the Women's Synodical Missionary Society. Friday evening, services in the interests of Sunday-school work, conducted by Rev. A. E. Baichly, and addresses by Rev. R. Keller, and Rev. L. B. C. Lahr. Saturday afternoon, preparatory services, conducted by Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., and addresses by Rev. P. Moerdyke and Rev. A. P. Peeke, of Reformed (Dutch) Church in America. Saturday evening, services in the interest of mission work, addresses by Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., and Rev. E. R. Williard. Sunday morning, inaugural address by Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., and liturgical service by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., followed by communion of the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening, inauguration services according to program, a brief introductory address and administering constitutional obligation by Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., and charge to the professors-elect by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., followed by inaugural address by Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.

Second Reformed Church.—Morning by Rev. F. Mayer.

Trinity Reformed Church.—Morning by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.

OTHER CHURCHES.

The pulpits of other churches in Dayton were filled on Sunday as follows:

First Street Presbyterian.—Morning by Rev. H. Rust, D. D., and evening by Rev. G. H. Souder.

Park Presbyterian.—Morning by Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

Third Street Presbyterian.—Morning by Rev. E. P. Herbruck, and evening by Rev. P. Moerdyke.

Memorial Presbyterian.—Morning by Rev. J. H. Bomberger, and evening by Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.

Summit Street Presbyterian.—Morning by Rev. J. Steiner, and evening by Rev. J. J. M. Gruber.

United Presbyterian.—Morning by Rev. D. A. Parks, and evening by Rev. R. B. Reichard.

Main Street Lutheran.—Evening by Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

St. John's English Lutheran.—Morning by Rev. N. H. Loose.

Grace Methodist Episcopal.—Morning by Rev. E. R. Williard, and evening by Rev. H. Rust, D. D.

Raper Methodist Episcopal.—Morning by Rev. R. C. Zartman, and evening by Rev. B. Frank Davis.

Broadway Methodist Episcopal.—Morning by H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal.—Morning by Rev. J. A. Seitz.

First United Brethren—Morning by Rev. A. P. Peeke.

Summit Street United Brethren.—Morning by Rev. J. P. Stahl, and evening by Rev. R. Keller.

High Street United Brethren.—Morning by Rev. S. Shaw, and evening by Rev. R. B. Reichard.

Christian Church.—Morning by Rev. J. H. Buser.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. HALE, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed, were severally observed.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Religious Services, who shall arrange a program for the next annual meeting of synod, shall be Revs. Emil P. Herbruck, George Z. Mechling, Samuel Shaw, and Elders Robert Miller and Jeremiah Dice.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod were received through the Stated Clerk for the use of synod, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod have examined the printed minutes of the annual and special meetings, and find that the following items claim the attention of this synod:

I. ANNUAL MEETING 1887.

Item 1, page 16. The Standing Committee on Religious Services appointed to report to this synod on the first day of the session, Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., Chairman.

Item 2, page 23. The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed, to report to this synod, Rev. J. J. Leberman, Chairman.

Item 3, page 25. Rev. Henry Schrader was referred to Lancaster Classis to pursue theological studies during the year.

Item 4, page 43. The Women's Synodical Missionary Society is requested to prepare a program of exercises for the second evening of this synod.

Item 5, page 43. The Stated Clerk of synod is instructed to furnish a copy of synod's action to the aforesaid society.

Item 6, page 50. The Stated Clerk of synod is instructed to furnish a copy of synod's action respecting Foreign Missions to Rev. A. D. Gring, and to the President of the Board.

Item 7, page 76. The Classes are requested to make one or more of their ministers life-members of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 8, page 84. Rev. Reuben Keller and Elder Victor P. Van Horne are appointed members of the Board of Managers of the Ohio State Sunday-school Exhibit at Columbus, Ohio, 1888.

Item 9, page 86. A committee appointed to define the relation between the Sunday-school Board of the Ohio Synod, and that of the General Synod. Rev. J. M. Kendig, Chairman.

Item 10, page 98. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have 1,300 copies of the Minutes of Synod published.

Item 11, page 100. The Stated Clerk of synod is instructed to apportion $700 among the classes for church erection purposes for the use of the Board.

Item 12, page 103. A Standing Committee on Temperance, to report a paper on that subject to this synod. Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Chairman.

Item 13, page 103. A Delegate is elected to the Central Synod, to meet in New Philadelphia, Ohio, September 12, 1888. Rev. George W. Henning, *primarii*, and Emil P. Herbruck, *secundus*.

Item 14, page 104. The selection of a place for the present meeting of synod was referred to the President and Stated Clerk of synod.

Item 15, page 77. Synod appointed W. H. Xanders a representative to meet with the Board of Ft. Wayne Orphan's Home.

II. SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 2, 1888.

Item 16. The President and Stated Clerk of synod are instructed to forward a call to the two theological professors-elect, Dr. Van Horne and Dr. Zerbe.

Item 17. The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary is instructed to prepare a form of incorporation for the seminary, and report to this synod. (See also Minutes 1887, pages 53 and 64.)

Item 18. The Stated Clerk of synod is instructed to request the Presidents of the several classes to have the roll called with respect to contributions for the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 accepted, and for report see Article VII, religious services; items 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11 were adopted, and verbally reported that the duties assigned were attended to; items 3, 7 and 18 adopted; in items 8 and 9 reports received and for action thereon see Article XVII, Sunday-schools; in items 12, 13 and 14 reports received, and for action thereon see Article XXIV, miscellaneous; in item 15 report received, and for action thereon see Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; items 16 and 17 reports received, and for disposition thereof see Article XIV, Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classis would respectfully report the following items for your consideration:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Miami, Tuscarawas, Tiffin and St. Joseph's Classis submit printed copies of their minutes, and none in the prescribed form.

2. St. Joseph's Classis fails to give the hour for its next annual meeting.

II. REQUESTS FROM CLASSES TO SYNOD.

3. Lancaster Classis requests synod to inquire into the cause of the neglect of beneficiary students to refund the aid received in the prosecution of their studies, and to take measures to have notes paid.

4. St. Joseph's Classis requests synod to define the East and South boundary lines of said Classis.

5. Miami Classis calls the attention of synod to the records, and disclaims having erred in regard to Sunday-school Statistical Tables.

6. Miami Classis overtures the Ohio Synod to take necessary measures for union with the Reformed Church in America.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED FROM SYNOD TO CLASSES.

7. Miami Classis complies with the request of synod to present the claims of the Theological Seminary to the people.

8. Miami Classis complies with all the requests of synod.

9. Lancaster Classis approves action of synod with reference to Rev. Henry Schrader, and defines a course of study for him.

10. Lancaster Classis reaffirms its previous action declining to accept church erection apportionment.

11. Lancaster Classis is unable to assume its share of appropriation for ministerial relief, and to make its ministers life members of the Society for the Relief of Ministers.

12. Lancaster Classis adopts in part synod's apportionments.

13. Lancaster Classis attended in part to synod's recommendation with reference to the Theological Seminary.

14. Lancaster Classis accedes to synod's recommendation to organize Classical Missionary Society.

15. Tuscarawas Classis adopted all recommendations of synod except that with reference to ministerial relief.

16. Tuscarawas Classis made arrangements to pay full apportionments of synod.

17. Tuscarawas Classis adopted synod's recommendation with reference to Women's Missionary Society.

18. Tiffin Classis adopts all recommendations of synod except that with reference to life membership in Society for Relief of Ministers.

19. Eastern Ohio Classis adopts all of synod's recommendations.

20. St. Joseph's Classis adopts all recommendations of synod except that of ministerial relief.

IV. APPEALS.

21. An appeal from Rev. J. T. Hale from an action of Miami Classis in reference to his installation.

22. Miami Classis appoints Revs. D. W. Ebbert, I. H. Reiter, D. D., and H. M. Herman, D. D., as counsel to defend its action.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

23. Miami Classis dismissed Rev. L. B. Clayton to St. Joseph's Classis. Received Rev. J. A. Ketrow from St. Joseph's Classis. Rev. B. Frank Davis and Licentiate Wm. H. Tussing from Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, and ordained him, (Tussing.) Dismissed Rev. Wm. Smith to the Huron Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J.

B. Henry to the Philadelphia Classis, Synod in United States. Received Rev. H. L. Hart from Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. W. E. Ludwick from St. Joseph's Classis, and Rev. R. B. Reichard from Eastern Ohio Classis.

24. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. B. Frank Davis to Miami Classis, Rev. J. P. Stahl to Tuscarawas Classis. Licensed Wm. H. Tussing and dismissed him to Miami Classis.

25. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. J. P. Stahl from Lancaster Classis; licensed Chas. E. Miller; dismissed Rev. E. H. Otting to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. S. Ream to Iowa Classis. Licensed and ordained J. A. Danner. Dismissed Rev. J. B. Shontz to Mercersburgh Classis, and Rev. J. J. M. Gruber to Eastern Ohio Classis.

26. Tiffin Classis dismissed Rev. G. C. Gerlach to the Presbytery of Maumee, Rev. N. H. Loose to St. Joseph's Classis. Received Rev. F. M. Shults from Lancaster Classis; Rev. G. H. Souder from Miami Classis, and Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., from Philadelphia Classis, Synod in the United States.

27. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed Rev. R. B. Reichard to Miami Classis; Rev. J. A. Toensmeier to St. John's Classis, Central Synod, and received Rev. J. J. M. Gruber from Tuscarawas Classis.

28. St. Joseph's Classis dismissed Rev. J. A. Ketrow to Miami Classis and received Rev. N. H. Loose from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. L. B. Clayton from Miami Classis.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

29. Miami Classis will meet in Lewisburg, Ohio, on Tuesday preceding full moon in May (14th,) 1889, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. E. Baichly, President, Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

30. Lancaster Classis will meet in Rushville, Ohio, on the first Thursday on or before the full moon in May (16th,) 1889, 7:30 p. m. Rev. S. W. Seeman, President, Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

31. Tuscarawas Classis meets the first Thursday in June (6th,) 1889, at 2 p. m., in Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio. Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., President, Rev. R. C. Zartman, Stated Clerk, E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

32. Tiffin Classis meets in the Reformed Church, Bellevue, Ohio, May 16th, 1889, at 6:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Buser, President. Rev. J. D. Neff, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

33. Eastern Ohio Classis meets in Paris, Stark County, Ohio, Thursday, May 9th, 1889, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. Keller, President. Rev. G. W. Henning, Stated Clerk. Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

34. St. Joseph's Classis meets in St. Paul's Church, near Colon, Michigan, Wednesday evening preceding the last full moon in May, 1889. Rev. A. K. Zartman, President. Rev. J. R. Skinner, Stated Clerk, and Rev. W. H. Xanders, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was referred, and for action thereon see Article IX, Minutes of Classes; item 3 adopted, and for action thereon see Article XIV, Theological Seminary; item 4 was referred, and for action thereon see Article XX, Church Goverement; items 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 were adopted; item 21 was referred to a committee, and for report and action thereon see Article XVIII, Appeals and References.

HOW MINUTES OF CLASSES ARE TO BE REPORTED.

During the morning session on Thursday, the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported in item 1 that the Classes of Miami, Tuscarawas, Tiffin and St. Joseph had submitted printed copies of their minutos, and none in the prescribed form. On motion, the subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Rufus C. Zartman, Nathaniel H. Loose and Elder Moses W. Sears. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and adopted.

Your special committee appointed to consider and report some action on item 1 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis, would submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, That Miami, Tuscarawas, Tiffin and St. Joseph's Classes are irregular in submitting to synod printed minutes of their proceedings.

Resolved, That the printed minutes of the aforenamed classes be received by synod in lieu of those in the prescribed form.

Resolved, That hereafter minutes of classes, either written according to the prescribed form, or printed in full, shall be acceptable to the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS C. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed to report on said minutes to the synod during its next annual meeting, and to whom the minutes are to be sent in advance by the stated clerks of the classes, consists of Revs. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Prof. Edwin R. Williard and David A. Parks.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and considered item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole.

Your committee respectfully represents that only four items came into our hands, which are accordingly presented for synod's consideration and such action as may be deemed proper.

Item 1. A paper from Rev. John V. Potts containing alleged reasons for inability to attend the sessions of synod, and expressing the hope that synod will account that adequate.

Item 2. A request from the executors of the estate of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., asking this synod to waive its claim in the publication of the "Reformed Church Hymnal."

Item 3. Is a communication from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent of the "St. Paul's Orphans' Home," at Butler, Pennsylvania, stating the condition and wants of the Home, and asking the co-operation of this synod.

Item 4. Are requests through the Stated Clerk of Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., and Rev. D. R. Taylor, asking to be excused for non-attendance upon the sessions of synod, because of sickness in their families.

Respectfully submitted,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: Item 1. On motion, it was

Resolved, That in view of his first two reasons he be excused, and that synod expresses its disapproval of the discourtesy contained in the third reason assigned. Item 2 was adopted, and referred to the committee appointed on the contract and publication of the "Reformed Church Hymnal." Item 3 was adopted, and referred to the special committee on Orphans' Homes. Item 4 was adopted, and the requests to be excused granted. For further action in item 2, see Article XX, Church Government; in item 3, Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination report:

That no candidates came forward for examination.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the evening session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—From the Classical Minutes and other proper means of information, as well as from opportunities for observation during the past Synodical year, your committee is able to report that our God is marching on. The state of the Church within the bounds of our synod is manifestly such as to call for devout gratitude to Him whose we are, and whom we serve in the gospel of his dear Son.

That there is cause for deep humiliation, continued repentance and greater Christian activity in the future, is not only felt in our consciousness of imperfection, but also manifested in the fact that we have not accomplished as much in the cause of our Master as He, through his abundant grace, has made possible for his stewards and servants.

We have also occasion to bow in sad bereavement, and yet with Christian submission to that Providence of our Heavenly Father who has seen fit to remove from our ranks by death three of our ministerial brethren, viz: Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., respecting whose departure this synod has already taken proper action; Rev. Jonas Michael, and our young brother, Rev. Adolph J. Meyer. "These all, having obtained a good report through faith," have gone to that "better country, that is, an heavenly." May the God of all grace "enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy."

There are obvious evidences that our synod is making both intensive and extensive progress. New churches have been built and consecrated to the worship of God. Our educational institutions have been encouragingly supported and patronized. Heidelberg is now a center of attraction, where our sons "may be as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughers as corner-stones polished after the similitude of a palace." Our Theological Seminary has safely passed the crisis of its history, and proven itself well worthy of the church's enlarged patronage and material support. The membership of our synod has increased about eight hundred, or four and a half per cent. during the year. The increase in benevolent contributions during the past year has been $1,500, or three times the per cent. of increase in membership.

These evidences of outward growth are both testimonials and results of a corresponding progress in the powers of the inner life. And why should it be otherwise, indeed? We should not be surprised that the Holy Ghost has used Heaven's own ordained means to produce such fruits of the Christian life in and among the elect of God.

Upon the whole we report that the state of religion among us is encouraging to our faith and hopes. While there is no less disposition to

defend the truths of the gospel and the customs of our church, there is a growing conviction that it is now our special mission to strengthen the things that remain, by practical Christian work and enlarged Christian benevolence. God being our helper, this is what we propose to do, as a Synod, as a Church, and as consecrated members thereof.

And now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports on the subject of missions were received, duly considered, and also adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.

To the Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We herewith present you a report of the work done in the missions under your care during the year just closed.

There have been sixteen missions receiving aid during the year; one of the number—viz: Trinity Mission of Dayton, having become self-snstaining, drops from our list. To say the least, we believe there has been retrogression in none of the Missions, save the Kentland, Indiana, field, and as this has been vacant several months, it is difficult to precisely determine its present standing.

The earnest and successful labors of the faithful missionary at Lyons, Kansas, seem to have, under God's blessing, secured for that point, which we had been led to fear a year ago was nigh unto its end, a new lease of life, and we consider it now one of our most hopeful missions.

Our Lone-Star Mission in far off Dakota is steadily justifying the antipications of its pastor, and encouraging the Board to believe that that venture was not ill advised.

We have been terribly crippled, and our earnest and self-denying missionaries have been sadly discouraged in the work, by the failure of many of our congregations to meet the meager assessments asked for by the Board and apportioned by Synod. The Treasurer's Report will furnish figures eloquently emphasising this complaint. The prospects of our missions are flattering. We believe our force of mission-pastors to

be composed of competent and consecrated men. But this seemingly incurable habit into which our church has fallen, of responding to Synod's mission appropriation with about one-half of the amount asked for, will preclude all possibility of aggressive work, and is a rank injustice perpetrated upon the men who are giving their best energies to the work. Of the $5,000 needed to carry on your mission work for the year, not quite $2,800 have been received during the whole twelve months.

While we feel grateful for being able to report the real and solid progress which has been made, our gratitude has almost been forgotten in our surprise that a practically bankrupt board has been able to report anything but a total cessation of missionary operations, and we earnestly urge upon this honorable body the devising of some plan by which this distressing state of affairs may be avoided, and this catastrophe averted.

We would again call Synod's attention to the impulse which would undoubtedly be given to our mission work by the labors of a capable missionary superintendent; and in this connection we would urge upon synod what we believe to be an imperative alternative, viz: Either that synod secure a superintendent for our own work, or that as a synod we comply with General Synod's recommendation with reference to the unification of our Home Mission Work and at once transfer our missions to General Synod's Board, on condition that they consent to use the authority General Synod has given them for the appointing of a General Mission Superintendent.

We submit the following birds-eye view of the general condition and out-look of the several mission stations:

1. *Greenville Mission.* Rev. W. E. Ludwick began his second year as pastor of this charge, the first of last April. The benevolent contributions of the charge cover about one-third of the appropriation, which was $200. Whilst this field affords no very striking indications of progress, the missionary has done faithful work, and this historic mission seems gradually creeping towards a self-sustaining existence.

2. *Paulding Mission.* Rev. J. W. Barber, pastor. Twenty-seven new members have been added during the year. $600 has been raised for congregational purposes. The work has been moving steadily forward, and the prospects for the future are bright. Appropriation, $250.

3. *Lima Mission.* Rev. F. M. Shults has concluded his first year as pastor of this field. His efforts have been attended by encouraging results. The work in Lima is reviving the interest of the litttle flock which has experienced so many vicissitudes, and been so long unshepherded; and the two country appointments included with it in the charge are regathering their scattered strength. Twelve new members have been received during the year. The total membership is 76. The money raised by the mission itself was $400. Appropriation $500.

4. *Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mission.* Rev. A. K. Zartman assumed the pastorate June 1st, 1888. In consequence of there being a vacancy in the pastorate for several months, the congregation routine was interrupted, and the statistics of the year's work are imperfect. The new pastor has been warmly received by the membership, and their hearty mutual co-operation promises to place this charge on a sound and self-supporting basis in the near future. Appropriation $500.

5. *Kentland, Indiana, Mission.* Vacant. The Board is now holding the interests of this mission under consideration, and in spite of its unpromising condition, hopes that some measures may yet be devised which will rescue this point from its oft-times infirmities.

6. *Lyons, Kansas, Mission.* Rev. A. Casselman has been doing excellent work at this point since taking charge of it a year ago. He found the mission in debt; its members ready to scatter, and the Reformed Church having no standing in the community. Provision has been made to cancel nearly two-thirds of the debt shortly; the membership has been solidified, and the organization has won the respect and good will of the town. The missionary contemplates organizing another congregation about five miles from Lyons, in the near future, among a population entirely destitute of church facilities. Ten members have been received during the year. Appropriation $650.

7. *Wathena Mission.* Rev. F. H. Keller. In consequence of the Baker congregation having been added to the Hiawatha charge, this mission now has but the one point. In spite of this loss it has more than held its own, and now reports 107 members, 13 having been added during the year. $38 have been raised for benevolence, and $325 for pastor's support. Appropriation $300.

8. *Altamont Mission.* Rev. Joshua Wolbach's faithful labors in this arduous field have been attended by very encouraging results. Twenty-two accessions are reported for the year, with a total membership of 112, and $45 contributed for benevolent work. Appropriation $350.

9. *Liberty Center Mission.* Rev. S. Shaw, who has recently undertaken the work of this field, reports a hopeful out-look, and a condition of things promising well for desired results. There are three congregations with 113 members. $500 raised for pastor's support, and $75 for benevolence. Appropriation $100.

10. *Colon, (Michigan,) Mission.* Rev. J. H. Albright. Two congregations with a total membership of 120; 16 of whom have been received during the year just closed. The charge has raised nearly $400 for various purposes. The appropriation was $175.

11. *Neriah, (Erie,) Michigan, Mission.* Has been vacant, and no effort was made to secure a missionary, in consequence of some proposed reconstruction measures. A missionary, however, is now about to be secured, and a small apporpriation of $100 has been granted the mission.

12. *Damascus Mission.* Rev. Jos. Sechler, pastor. Consists of two small congregations near Lena, Illinois, whose combined membership is 58. Seventeen have been recently added. About $250 has been raised by the people for congregational and benevolent uses, and an appropriation of $200 was granted them for the past year.

13. *Redfield, (Dakota,) Mission.* Rev. F. W. Stump. Already three small organizations have been formed with a charter membership of 36, and four Sunday-schools with 115 children. The people themselves have contributed about $100 towards their expenses. The appropriation for the year has been $500. The missionary feels cheered by the prospects of the mission, and anticipates steady growth.

14. *Ada Mission.* Rev. I. A. Sites. The record for the year in this field is exceedingly good. A church building has been erected in Ada, where heretofore the congregation has gathered in a room of the school building. Repairing and decorating have been done in the rest of the churches of the charge, and a marked impulse has been given to the work in general. Fourteen members have been added, and nearly $1,500 raised by the people. Appropriation $235.

15. *Dayton Mission.* Rev. D. W. Ebbert. After one year's connection with the Board, this congregation has become self-sustaining, and in consequence been removed from our list. The Church-at-large is too familiar with the phenomenal growth of this interest, to make an extended notice necessary. The appropriation for the year was $600.

16. *Warren Mission.* Supplied in part by Rev. J. M. Kendig. No regular pastor has as yet been secured.

For sustaining Missions under our care for the coming year $5,500.00 will be required. Some prospecting has been done by agents of the Board in the cities of Cleveland and Columbus. It is probable that during the coming year steps will be taken looking towards the establishment of Missions at both of these points.

We would respectfully urge upon synod, in order that our treasurer may be able to credit amounts reported in THE CHRISTIAN WORLD, to individual congregations, insted of merely to classes. That classical treasurers be enjoined to itemize all monies sent in to the Missionary Treasurer.

The attention of synod is respectfully called to the fact that the terms of Revs. Emil P. Herbruck and John H. Bomberger expire at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BOMBERGER,

President Board of Home Missions.

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2. Statistical Report of Board of Home Missions.

The following Statistical Report of the Missions, under the care of the Ohio Synod, accompanied the annual report of the Board, and was submitted as a part thereof:

STATISTICAL TABLE.—HOME MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.	Congregations.	Members.	Sunday-schools.	S. School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Members Received.	Indebtedness.	Reduction of Debt.	Contributions. Pastor's Support.	Contributions. Congregational.	Contributions. Benevolent.	Appropriations.	MISSIONARIES.	POST OFFICES.
Greenville, (O.)	3	100	3	155	22	3	3	8	.		$340	$90	$66	$200	W. E. Ludwick,	Greenville, O.
Paulding, (O.)	4	137	2	100	15	6	2	27		...	100	500	.....	250	J. W. Barber,	Payne, O.
Lima, (O.)	3	76	3	125	12	3	5	12	....	..	250	215	30	500	F. M. Shults,	Lima, O.
Ft. Wayne, (Ind.)	1	169	1	153	12	....	..	.		.	....	...	.....	500	A. K. Zartman,	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Kentland, (Ind.)	2	57	.	....	..	6	1	1				20	.....	300	Vacant,	Brook, Ind.
Lyons, (Kan.)	1	44	1	45	5	4	...	10	120	180	150	340	26	650	A. Casselman,	Lyons, Kansas.
Wathena, (Kan.)	1	107	1	87	11	10	...	13			325	....	38	300	F. H. Keller,	Wathena, Kansas.
Altamont, (Ill.)	3	112	...	110	..	6	7	22	. .		275	..	45	350	Joshua Wolbach,	Altamont, Ill.
Liberty Center, (O.)	3	113	2	160		15	1	4		.	500	50	75	100	S. Shaw,	Liberty Center, O.
Colon, (Mich.)	2	120	2	150	18	7	2	16	...		285	30	65	175	J. H. Albright,	Colon, Mich.
Neriah, (Mich.)	1	36	1	..		....			..	..			.....	100	Vacant,	Erie, Mich.
Damascus, (Ill.)	2	58	2	90	14	4	12	17		...	200	28	....	200	Jos. Sechler,	Lena, Ills.
Redfield, (Dak.)	3	36	4	115	12	5	4	15		..	80	20	....	500	F. W. Stump,	Redfield, Dak.
Ada, (O.)	3	142	3	200	..	5	1	14	150		365	1110	125	235	I. A. Sites,	Ada, O.
Warren, (O.)	3	158	1	50	6	6		11		...			.....	300	J. M. Kendig, supply.	Canfield, O.
Dayton, (O.)	1	170	1	400	36	27	12	80	.		1000	2015	290	600	D. W. Ebbert,	Dayton, O.
Total - - 16	36	1635	27	1942	163	79	38	250	$270	$180	$3,870	$4,400	$760	$5200	16	

3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 25, 1887, to October 1, 1888.*

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Cash on hand October 25, 1887	$ 57 17	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D	737 53	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer.	469 15	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. D. Neff	314 92	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard	386 50	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn	419 75	
St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. J. R. Skinner	31 00	
Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. J. Sechler	87 73	
Ursinus Union, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	155 00	
Christmas gift from a friend	25 00	
Rev. A. Bolliger	6 00	
Rev. A. Casselman	17 91	
Money borrowed	118 00	
		$2,825 66

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Rev. F. M. Shults	$262 00	
Rev. I. A. Sites	63 18	
Rev. F. W. Stump	167 00	
Rev. L. P. Gross	300 00	
Rev. A. Casselman	380 34	
Rev. F. H. Keller	195 23	
Rev. T. J. Bacher	457 88	
Rev. D. W. Ebbert	138 67	
Rev. W. E. Ludwick	175 25	
Rev. J. H. Albright.	79 82	
Rev. J. Wolbach	207 95	
Rev. J. Sechler	104 37	
Rev. J. W. Barber	55 00	
Rev. J. H. Bomberger	5 00	
Rev. J. M. Kendig	2 25	
Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D	2 20	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	2 85	
Rev. R. C. Zartman	3 15	
Rev. E. P. Herbruck	40	
Rev. S. Shaw	53 87	
Postage, exchange and stationery	15 25	$2,671 66
Cash on hand		154 00
		$2,825 66

ARREARAGES.

Rev. F. M. Shults	$246 16
Rev. W. E. Ludwick	30 43
Rev. J. Wolbach	20 40
Rev. F. W. Stump	358 00
Rev. J. Sechler	95 63
Rev. F. H. Keller	112 72
Carried forward	$863 34

Amount brought forward	$863 34	
Rev. J. H. Albright	101 43	
Rev. D. W. Ebbert	329 13	
Rev. J. W. Barber	311 66	
Rev. A. Casselman	260 28	
Rev. S. Shaw	21 13	
Rev. A. K. Zartman	125 00	
Money borrowed	118 00	
Interest	3 54	
		$2,133 51

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

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4. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection offers its annual report. If is humiliating that your board for want of funds, was unable to undertake the building of another chapel this year. It is to be regretted. The church should deeply realize the necessity of sustaining generously our board and enable the same to assist in carrying forward our Home Missionary operations.

There is no way by which mission congregations can be made more rapidly efficient to do solid and cheering work for the Master and become self-sustaining, than by aiding the same to secure houses of worship. For this reason, the building of a church by a newly organized congregation creates interest, sympathy and co-operation in any community. This was fully demonstrated during the last year in the town of Ada, Ohio.

Whilst we deplore that we were unable to do great things for the lengthening of the cords of our Reformed Zion, we are not without fruit to show for our encouragement.

1. The Synod's indebtedness to Heidelberg College is being reduced. The accumulated interest was gradually lessened, and on December 1st, 1887, fully paid up. In addition to this, our treasurer also reduced the principal to the amount of $300. This incubus should be entirely removed as speedily as possible.

2. Your board purchased, as reported last year, at a cost of $500, a lot of ground in the town of Ada, Ohio, upon which the Mission congregation agreed to erect a Reformed Church, not to cost less than $1,000. The deed for the lot of ground is held by your board.

The small congregation, with the energetic pastor, Rev. I. A. Sites, did more than it promised; and more than met the most sanguine expectation of your board, by building a chapel, with annex for Sunday-school purposes. The building is externally churchly in appearance, displaying proper architectural design. It has a seating capacity for about 300 people. The building and furniture cost the round sum of $1,500, which amount was raised and paid by the members, and the citizens of the town and vicinity, and dedicated free of indebtedness. The synod will find that it made a judicious investment in Ada, and that the congrega-

tion will become self-sustaining before very long, and that which our last year's report set forth will be realized, "The little plant will grow into a mighty tree."

Your board would suggest that synod take the following action:

1. That the pastors and consistories be requested to urge upon their congregations the last year's apportionment for church erection work.

2. That the amount of $500 be apportioned for this year's work.

3. That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay to the Treasurer of our Board, out of the contingent fund, $150, to be paid on the college note.

The work before us in the Ohio Synod is great and can only be accomplished by vigorous, persevering and prayerful effort. It requires combined strength and energy as brethren, to discharge the trust committed to us. By honest and earnest co-operation all along the line, we will honor and glorify God our Savior, and our hearts will be gladdened with unparalleled prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HALE,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,
E. R. WILLIARD,
J. H. STEELE,
A. H. BAUGHMAN.

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5. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

I. GENERAL CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 3, 1888.

1887.			
Oct.	25.	To balance in hand of treasurer	$176 27
Nov.	3.	To cash from Beaver Charge, Miami Classis	15 06
"	21.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Eastern Ohio Classis	9 69
Dec.	1.	" " Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Treasurer Ohio Synod	300 00
"	20.	" " John Shindler, Union Charge	6 49
1888.			
Jan.	2.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	8 33
"	13.	" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis	11 11
Feb.	16.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	15 20
Mar.	11.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	6 16
"	27.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	10 78
April	5.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	15 85
"	16.	" " Rev. Stepler, rent Lima Church	12 00
		Carried forward	$586 94

	Amount brought forward			$586 94
May	12.	To cash from	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	3 30
"	16.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	7 64
"	16.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	20 65
"	16.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	2 67
"	16.	" "	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	12 23
"	31.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	2 85
"	31.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	12 15
"	31.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	5 98
"	31.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	32 44
"	24.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	15 20
June	3.	" "	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	120 22
"	19.	" "	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	24 05
"	19.	" "	Mr. E. R. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	173 60
July	2.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	5 87
"	8.	" "	Mr. E. R. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	91 91
Sept.	26.	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	8 36
"	26.	" "	John Castanian	10 00
May	31.	" "	Beaver Church	11 56
June	5.	" "	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis	40 00
	Whole amount			$1,187 50

Moneys paid out for year ending October, 1888.

Nov. 11, 1887. To cash to Rev. G. W. Williard, Treasurer of Heidelberg College, interest on note	$182 00
Dec. 1887. To cash to Rev. G. W. Williard, on college note	300 00
Jan. 11, 1888. To cash to Mrs. Eliza M. Sandoe, interest on note (No. 2)	60 00
Oct. 1887. To cash to J. H. Platt, per voucher No. 3	8 10
" " To cash to J. H. Platt, per voucher No. 4	3 00
Sept. 1888. To cash to Rev. E. R. Williard, traveling expenses, postage and stationery	3 50
	556 60
Balance in the hands of the treasurer	630 90
	$1,187 50

II. PROGRESSIVE CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Moneys received during the year ending October 3, 1888.

Money on hand Oct. 26, 1887				$267 54
April 16, 1888.	To cash from	Rev. J. B. Henry		10 00
" " "	" "	Rev. S. L. Runkel's charge		20 00
May 24.	" " "	Rev. R. B. Reichard		50 00
Total				$302 54

Amount paid out.

Oct. 21, 1887. Paid J. H. Platt, per voucher No. 1	$ 8 10
Nov. 10. Paid per Rev. E. R. Williard for purchase of lot in Ada, Ohio, for church building	200 00
Total	$208 10
Balance in treasury	94 44

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

6. *Report of Board of Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—"The Lord hath done great things, whereof we are glad." With this note of praise to Almighty God for his great mercies through another year, permit me to lay before your Reverend Body a brief report of our foreign missionary work.

The record of the past year is a grand recital of magnificent prosperity. And this saying applies to the zeal and liberality of the church at home as well as to the work of our faithful band of missionaries in Japan. The church has paid more attention to the cause of foreign missions than at any other time in her history. Our people have been awaking from a deep slumber, and we confidently hope that it may be a resurrection which knows of no second death.

The royal command of the Lord Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the people, for they take more interest in, and give more liberally for, the spread of the gospel.

Our contributions for the last twelve months amount to $20,000. This sum, however, includes in part, the special offerings for the girls' school building at Sendai, the dwelling for the lady teachers and missionary Hoy, and the sending forth of two new missionaries and a lady teacher for the girls' school.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. A. D. Gring and wife are still with us. Since he is unable to return with his family to Japan this fall, he will continue his visits among the churches in this country in the interest of the board for its mission in Japan. His stay in America has had a healthful influence on our pastors and people, to whose confidence and affection we commend him anew.

Rev. J. P. Moore and wife labor at Yamagata. He is the principal of an English Japanese school. His success as a teacher has been a great help to him in his evangelistic work. He writes: "Our school has been a sort of advertising medium to Christianity." He has laid the foundation for a flourishing congregation. The membership comprises the best people of the town, and with the new chapel, the growth of the congregation is assured. Mrs. Moore is an invaluable help, and she is never weary in doing good to the poor and needy. She is an angel of mercy to the infirm of the hospitals.

The board is very anxious to secure another missionary family for Yamagata, for which provision has already been made, but up to this date our efforts have been in vain. We trust that the proper man may be found very soon.

Rev. W. E. Hoy was married to Miss Mary B. Ault on the 27th day of December, 1887. He is the Elijah in the school of the prophets at Sendai, and with his amiable wife will accomplish great things for the Lord.

The Misses Poorbaugh have charge of the girls' school at Sendai. Miss Lizzie is one of the founders of that noble institution. Miss Emma arrived at Yokohama on the 9th day of July, 1888. The board awaits great results from the joint labors of these sisters. We believe that the statement made by a missionary in regard to two sisters of another church, will be verified in this instance: "I never knew better work than that done by two sisters, so permanent, so steady and every way successful and admirable, and they are still at it and apparently good for another quarter century.

Rev. D. B. Schneder and wife arrived at Yokohama on the 21st day of December, 1887. He is making rapid progress in the study of the Japanese language, and is wielding a good influence in the Theological Training School at Sendai.

SALE OF THE TOKIO HOUSE.

For reasons satisfactory to the board, the 28 Tsukiji property was sold on the 14th day of July, 1888, for $3,000. (Mexican currency.) We are confident that the future will make it plain to the church that the judgment of the board as well as the judgment of the mission has been correct in this matter. The sale of the house will in no wise interfere with our work in and around Tokio. The churches at Bancho and Nihon Bashi will remain as heretofore under the care of the mission, and receive appropriations from the board. The money realized from the sale of the Tokio house will be used in the erection of the buildings at Sendai.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The girls' school building is in process of erection, and the teachers expect to occupy it by next Christmas. Besides the school-building, the board is erecting two dwellings, one for the lady teachers and the other for missionary Hoy. The cost of the several structures will exceed the fund on hand for these specific purposes, but the Board has full confidence in the liberality of the people, and in faith we go forward.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On the 29th day of September, 1838, at the synod in Lancaster, Pa., the Board of Foreign Missions was organized with the following ministers and elders as its members: Revs. Dietrich Willers, Elias Heiner, Bernard C. Wolff, John Cares, Samuel Gutelius, Joseph F. Berg, Samuel R. Fisher and Elders John J. Mayer, Matthew Shaw, Daniel Buckey, John B. Seidenstricker and Burchert Mayer. It is proper that we should celebrate such a memorable event. The board has set apart the month of November as a suitable season for missionary services in honor of its fiftieth anniversary. A historical sketch will soon appear containing many interesting facts. An order of service will also appear in due time. The board also requests the Reverend Synods to take such action as will help to make the month of November a Jubilee of Missions.

STATISTICS OF THE WORK.

The statistical table of the mission for the fiscal year ending June 1, 1888, presents a bird's eye view of the work done by our faithful band of workers in Japan. Truly the Lord of the harvest has been graciously smiling upon their efforts to save souls. And the half has not been told. Back of the cold figures are the throbbing hearts of thankful men, women and children, who greatly rejoice that Jesus Christ dwells in them—"the hope of glory." These cheerful tidings of the marvelous success of our dear brethren and sisters in the Empire of the Rising Sun, should fill us with fresh zeal and new courage.

In behalf of these precious "first fruits," we kindly ask for the earnest prayers, the warm sympathy and the liberal support of all the churches, and we affectionately urge upon the Reverend Synod to impress upon the hearts and minds of the people the urgent claims of foreign missions.

There is a great work for us to do in Japan, and the present is the missionary opportunity of our church. Let us improve the golden opportunity, and the Lord will cause the light of our dear Zion to shine more and more unto the perfect day.

In behalf of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Yours in gospel bonds,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-supporting.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Adult-Converts.	Baptized Children.	Members rec'd by Letter.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Present Membership. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Boys' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-Schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological Schools.	Students of Theology.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Tokio District.																									
Nihon Bashi,	1			9			5	1	25	16	9	50		58			1	58			1				$44 63
Oji,				2	1		10		17	17	4	38		22			1	22							17 60
Iwatsuki,	1			6	2	17			53	21	7	81		45			1	45				1			20 86
Matsubayashi & Noda,				1	3		14		18	9	8	35		39			1	39							7 20
Bancho,	1	1		48		39			78	44	2	124		96			1	96							406 00
Sendai District.																									
Sendai, Fukushima, Nakamura, Hobara, Iwanuma, Ishinomaki,	1	1	3	207				5	346	143		489		161	1	48	5	161	1	8	3	2	2	1	768 27
Tome,				61					73	25		98	1	98		78	1	98				1		1	155 61
Furukawa,	1			81			1		42	16		58		58			1	58				1			67 55
Hakodate,			1	8		2			24	12		36		11			1	11							36 00
Mombetsu,	1	1	2	20			26		42	25		67		73			1	73			1				178 50
Iburi,	1	1	2	77	2				67	34	2	103		80			1	80			1				210 00
Mororan,				12					16	7		23	1	35		83	1	35				1			40 00
Yamagata,																									
Grand Total,	8	4	7	482	8	56	56	6	801	369	32	1202	2	719	1	161	16	719	1	9	7	7	2	2	$1950 54

II. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and together with the reports of the Board of Home Missions, of the Board of Church Erection, and of the Board of Foreign Missions, and of their respective treasurers, adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave, respectfully, to report that three documents have been placed in their hands, viz: The report of the Board of Home Missions for this synod; and a Report and Appeal

from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church; and the Report of the President and Treasurer of the Church Erection Board.

The first named document states that this Synod has at the present time sixteen missions under its care; that the board has carried forward its work during the past year without incurring the expense required for the support of a superintendent, and that owing to the failure of many charges to meet their apportionments, there is now a deficit in the treasury amounting to about $2,000.00. The importance of this branch of church activity requires the continued effort of synod in order to raise the needed funds, to occupy the new locations ever opening before it, and to secure suitable men to have oversight of the work. The Board requests synod to make an apportionment of $5,500.00 upon the various charges, in order to cover arrearages, and also to provide for the coming year; and also calls the attention of synod to the important matter relating to the appointment of a local superintendent, or if deemed advisable, to place the work under the care of General Synod's Superintendent, should such an officer be appointed soon, by General Synod's Board. In view of these requests your committee suggests the following action:

Resolved. 1. That this synod commit its missionary work to the Home Mission Board of the General Synod, on condition that they appoint a General Missionary Superintendent, and fulfill the existing obligations, or those which may be hereafter created by our board to our own missionaries, previous to the time of transfer; and that thereafter our Board sustains an advisory and auxilliary relation to General Synod's Board with reference to the missionary operations within our bounds.

Resolved. 2. That in case they fail to appoint a Missionary Superintendent, our Board of Missions be empowered to appoint a Missionary Superintendent for this Synod, tendering him a salary of not less than $1,000 per annum, and offering to pay his necessary traveling expenses.

Resolved. 3. That we apportion $5,500.00 among the various classes within the bounds of synod, to provide for the work of the coming year.

Your committee further remind the synod that successors to Rev. J. H. Bomberger and Rev. E. P. Herbruck, should be elected at the present session, inasmuch as their terms of office now expire.

The Report and Appeal from the Foreign Mission Board of the Church, states that the offerings received into the treasury during the past year, amount to over $20,000.00. That the Rev. A. D. Gring and wife expect to remain in this country during the coming winter; that the Rev. J. P. Moore and wife are going forward with the work at Yamagata, energetically, and with promise of success; that the Rev. W. E. Hoy is encouraged with the work of the Training School at Sendai, assisted as he is efficiently by Rev. D. B. Schneder. Also, that the sisters, Miss Lizzie and Miss Emma Poorbaugh are greatly encouraged with

the prospects of their work in the Girls' School in Sendai, and that all the missionaries and helpers now in the field are enthusiastic and faithful, and the out-look for the immediate future is very encouraging. The Girls' School building at Sendai is in process of erection, with the expectation that they will be able to occupy it by next Christmas; and two missionary residences are also in process of erection.

The Board also requests us to join in anniversary services, on the occasion of its fiftieth year since organization, during the coming month of November, and further asks our prayers and counsels, in order that a suitable missionary family may be selected for the work at Yamagata. In view of the foregoing statement and appeal, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved. 1. That we have heard with great satisfaction of the continued progress and prosperity of the work of our foreign missionaries in the Empire of Japan, and that we unite in sincere thanks to the great Head of the Church for the favor he has manifested to this work, from the time our first missionary went abroad in 1879, up to the present time.

Resolved. 2. That we express our hearty satisfaction with the character and spirit of the work of our missionaries now in the foreign field, and also of the faithful and energetic course pursued by the Board in the past, and we will continue to pray that both the members of the board and the missionaries may be spared for many years of service in the future.

Resolved. 3. That we urge all our churches to hold Foreign Missionary Anniversary Services during the coming month of November, and that subscriptions, collections and contributions be raised at that time, and statedly thereafter, for the support of the cause; the same to be forwarded to Hon. R. F. Kelker, treasurer, Harrisburg, Pa.

Resolved. 4. That we approve of the plan of the Board having in view the sending of an additional missionary family to Yamagata, and we unite in the hope that suitable persons may soon be selected, and the necessary means supplied.

CHURCH ERECTION BOARD.

The report presents the gratifying statement that the entire interest on the college note, and three hundred dollars on the principal, has been paid during the past year. The fact that this long standing debt is now thus reduced, is very encouraging.

The report states further that a lot of ground, suitable for the purpose of a church building, located in Ada, Ohio, has been purchased by the Board during the past year, for the sum of $500.00, and that the title for the same is held by the board. The church building erected thereupon at a cost of $1,500.00, has been entirely paid for by the members of the congregation and citizens of Ada, and the future prospects of the con-

gregation are said to be very encouraging. The board complains of a lack of funds sufficient for the enlargement of its work, and your committee heartily commends this important branch of aggressive church work to your earnest sympathy and support. The following resolutions accompany the report, which we present for action:

Resolved. 1. That the pastors and consistories are requested to' urge upon their congregations the payment of last year's apportionment for church erection work.

Resolved. 2. That the amount of five hundred dollars, ($500.00,) be apportioned for this year's work.

Resolved. 3. That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay to the Treasurer of the Church Erection Board, out of the surplus in the contingent fund, the sum of one hnndred and fifty dollars, ($150.00,) to be applied on the college note.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod, is hereby authorized to negotiate loans from time to time, sufficient to pay in full the appropriations to the several missionaries, as they become due.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

OFFICERS OF BOARD.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, *Secretary*, Akron, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose Term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Rufus C. Zartman.

Members whose Term expires October, 1890.

Rev. John J. Leberman. Rev. John M. Kendig.

Members whose Term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Members whose Term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose Term expires October, 1890.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. William H. Shults.

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys Received during the synodical year ending October 2, 1888.

1887.		DR.	
Nov. 4.	To cash	from J. D. Neff, Treas Tiffin Classis, int. on endow. assumed	$25 16
" 17.	" "	of J. R. Skinner, interest on note to January 1st, 1888	3 00
" 17.	" "	B. Mathes, " " " "	12 00
Dec. 7.	" "	S. Moyer, " " January 8th, 1887	12 00
" 17.	" "	S. Z. Beam, " " March 1st, 1888.....	3 00
" 17.	" "	Mrs. Francis E. Beam, interest on note to March 1st, 1888.	3 00
" 19.	" "	J. Mast and E. Albert, " " January 1, 1888.	4 00
" 29.	" "	W. H. Shults, " " "	1 50
" 29.	" "	W. H. Siegfried, " " "	3 00
" 29.	" "	I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, for immediate use,	12 51
1888.			
Jan. 6.	" "	Dr. J. E. Lowes, int. on money borrowed to Dec. 26, 1887.	160 00
" 15.	" "	J. E. Munger, Treas, Ref. Day Coll., Beaver Creek charge, Beaver congregation.....	3 50
" 22.	" "	V. Cosler, Ref. Day Coll., Hawker cong. Beav. C'k charge.	7 50
Feb. 3.	" "	Rev. J. R. Skinner, int. on R. Crotzer note to Jan. 1, 1888.	6 00
" 3.	" "	" " " A. Lance " Jan. 1, 1887.	60
" 3.	" "	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Cl., int. on app. Fostoria chg.	2 67
" 3.	" "	L. P. Gross, Ref. Day Coll., Kentland Mission	1 66
" 3.	" "	Pikeville charge, per I. H. Reiter, app. for immediate use	2 40
" 3.	" "	Jos. Brown, Ref. Day coll., Mt. Zion Cong. Beaver C'k chg.	2 89
" 7.	" "	Jno. Struck, interest on note to November 1. 1887	3 00
" 14.	" "	Jacob Shifferly, interest on note to October 1, 1887	3 00
" 14.	" "	Newton Ledbetter, Treas. Ref. Day. Coll. of S. S. Xenia chg.	20 00
" 14.	" "	J. I. Wolf, Treasurer Ref. Day Coll. of Cong, Xenia charge	8 75
" 18.	" "	J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, part int. on endowment	13 13
" 18.	" "	" " " " apportionment	7 35
Feb. 24.	To cash	of T. L. Prugh, interest on note to January 15, 1888.	3 00
Mch. 2.	" "	S. Mayer, Ref. Day Coll., St. Peters chg, Apple Creek cong.	8 00
" 16.	" "	D. C. Lichliter, Treas. Ref. Day Coll., Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, ...	10 21
" 16.	" "	G. W. Williard, Treas. Heidelberg College, money borrowed	300 00
" 21.	" "	Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, interest on note to January 1, 1888	6 00
" 27.	" "	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Ref. Day Coll., Basil charge.....	22 22
" 27.	" "	Rev. S. W. Seeman, " " Thornville charge.. .	4 00
April 5.	" "	Rev. J. L. Bretz, interest on note to June 22, 1887..... .	3 00
" 6.	" "	I. H. Reiter, D. D., im. use, Miamisburg charge, app. 1887	13 77
" 6.	" "	Rev. A. E. Baichly, interest on note to January 1, 1888	1 20
" 6.	" "	M. Ullery, per A. E. Baichly, for immediate use	1 00
" 6.	" "	R. Ross. interest on money borrowed to January 25, 1888...	40 00
" 6.	" "	Levi House, part interest on loan	12 00
" 6.	" "	Geo. W. Shearer, interest on loan to March 16, 1888	40 00
" 7.	" "	A. J. Mayer, on app. Mt. Olivet charge, Eastern Ohio Classis	14 00
" 11.	" "	Jacob Gebhart, interest on note to May 14, 1888.....	1 50
" 14.	" "	Rev. E. D. Miller, interest on note to January 1, 1888.....	6 00
" 18.	" "	Smith & Hendershot, interest on loan to April 7, 1888.....	20 63
	Carried forward,	....	$928 35

	Amount brought forward,			$828 25
Apr. 24.	"	"	Rev. J. B. Henry, interest on note to January 1, 1888.	6 00
" 26.	"	"	Lizzie and Jacob Schneider. int. on loan to April 25, 1888..	56 00
" 28.	"	"	Stocker & Sneller, one year's interest on loan	28 00
May 2.	"	"	Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, Ref. Day Coll., Canal Winchester charge	19 00
" 2.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, interest on app	6 47
" 12.	"	"	G. F. Medlar, per H. M. Herman, int on note to May 14,1888	1 50
" 18.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Tr. Miami Cl., im. use Farmersville chg	10 12
" 18.	"	"	" " " Winchester chg	1 13
" 23.	"	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. Eastern Ohio Classis, interest on app	30 09
" 25.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis, on app. im. use, 1887, Port Jefferson charge, 33c; Hamilton charge, $3 40; Zion's charge, $4 20; Valley charge, $12 68	20 61
" 25.	"	"	Borrowed W. W. Dunham, Lindale, Ohio, to pay salary of Prof. J. H. G.	500 00
" 29.	"	"	Borrowed Rev. J. H. Steele, to pay salary Prof. J. H. G	100 00
" 29.	"	"	Borrowed Xenia Nat'l Bank, to pay salary Dr. J. I. Swander	94 46
June 1.	"	"	of I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis for im. use	58 49
" 5.	"	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis, interest on apportionment J. H. Bomberger charge	10 00
" 6.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis, interest on app	11 87
" 11.	"	"	B. Kuhns, interest on note to June 20, 1888	6 00
" 16.	"	"	Alfred Shirer, interest on loan to October 31, 1888	40 00
" 16.	"	"	" " " note (Zwingli M.) to Jan. 1, 1889	3 00
" 16.	"	"	Borrowed of Susan H. Good and J. C. Good, executors, to balance account of Prof. J. H. Good, on salary due	530 33
" 22.	"	"	of E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tuscarawas Classis, interest on app	116 19
" 29.	"	"	Geo. F. Medlar, per I. H. Reiter, D. D., int. on note in full	37
" 30.	"	"	W. H. Siegfried, Treasurer, immed. use Springboro charge	5 65
July 4.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D. Treasurer Miami Classis, apportionment for 1888, Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio,	6 35
" 7.	"	"	J. C. Reber, Treas. Ref. Day Coll., First Ref. Church, Dayton	50 00
" 20.	"	"	John L. Dohner, interest on loan	112 00
" 23.	"	"	Mary E. Davis, " "	72 45
Aug. 6.	"	"	Jacob Senbeck, interest on note to January 1, 1888	7 20
" 6.	"	"	Martha Cretors, interest on loan	35 00
" 8.	"	"	Anna C. Hatfield, one year's interest on loan	42 00
" 22.	"	"	Levi Keister, per I. H. Reiter, int. on note to June 16, 1888	1 50
Sept. 1.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer, on app. Hamilton charge	3 66
" 1.	"	"	" " " " Valley charge	12 05
" 8.	"	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. C., interest on assumed endw	20 00
" 8.	"	"	Rev. Greding, interest in full on note Elizabeth Hug	23 70
" 13.	"	"	W. L. Darrow, interest on loan.	80 17
" 20.	"	"	Dan. Frantz, interest on note to June 1, 1888	3 00
" 20.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. M. Cl., im. use Germantown chg	7 58
" 20.	"	"	H. H. Prugh, interest on R. Ross loan, in full	21 50
" 20.	"	"	George P. Early, one year's interest on loan	140 00
" 22.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. M. C., on app. Germantown chg.	1 47
" 22.	"	"	" " " Springboro charge	4 35
" 24.	"	"	W. L. Darrow, interest on loan to date	134 81
October 2, 1888.			To amount over-paid to balance account	222 20
				$3,484 43

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From interest on notes and loans	$1,161 63
From Tiffin Classis	66 65
From Tuscarawas Classis	116 19
From Eastern Ohio Classis	74 00
From Miami Classis	161 14
From Reformation Day Collections	157 83
From money borrowed to pay salaries	1,524 79
Total Receipts,	$3,262 23

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 2, 1888.

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By cash paid	Dr. J. H. Good, on salary	120 00	
"	Executors Prof. J. H. Good, on acc't salary in full	1,483 33	1,603 33
"	Dr. H. Rust, on salory		1,015 26
"	Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, on salary in full		103 50
"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, on salary in full		300 00
"	Prof. J. I. Swander, D. D., on salary in full		316 66
"	Xenia National Bank, note and interest in full		96 33
"	S. B. Yockey, Expenses to Fremont		8 10
"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., printing circulars, postage, &c., for Reformation Day Collections		7 00
"	Probating account		25
"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, music at Seminary Commencement		4 00
"	Expenses of Treasurer, stationery, postage, &c		15 00
"	G. W. Williard, printing catalogues		15 00
			$3484 43

ENDOWMENT FUND.

DR.

1887.			
Nov. 17.	To cash from	I. H. Reiter, D. D., former treasurer	30 91
Dec. 27.	"	John Slough, note in full	59 00
" 30.	"	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan	600 00
1888.			
Jan. 19.	"	Rev. J. L. Bretz, for Salem charge, Reformation Day Coll. for endowment of J. H. Good professorship	10 00
Feb. 3.	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis, part principal on Fostoria charge, on apportionment	10 21
" 3.	"	H. H. W. Hibshman, part principal on app	3 58
" 3.	"	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan	300 00
April 5.	"	Rev. J. L. Bretz, note in full	50 00
" 6.	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. M. C., on prin. Greenv. Ch. note	3 42
" 6.	"	Rev. A. E. Baichly, part payment on note	10 00
" 28.	"	A. R. Stocker and A. Sneller, mortgage loan in full	400 00
May 1.	"	Prof. A. S. Zerbe, for J. H. Good professorship	100 00
" 2.	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. part principal on app	10 94
June 1.	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer on prin. Greenville church note, for West Alexander charge	37 98
" 6.	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis, part prin. on app	17 97
" 22.	"	E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	206 38
" 29.	"	Geo. F. Medlar, note in full	25 00
July 23.	"	Mary E. Davis, loan in full	800 00
Sept. 11.	"	Elizabeth Hug, note in full	25 00
" 13.	"	Rachel Ross, loan in full	500 00
" 13.	"	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan	219 83
" 24.	"	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan	65 19
			$3,476 19

FUNDS INVESTED.

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1888.			
Jan. 30.	By Loan to	Martha Cretors, Xenia, O., first mortgage	$1,000 00
July 23.	"	Mary E. Davis, Dayton, O., "	900 00
Aug. 7.	"	Nancy M. Gill, Dayton, O., "	210 00
July 20.	"	Jos. D. Bausman, Brookville, O., first mortgage	300 00
Sept. 13.	"	Uriah Weaver, Dayton, O., first mortgage	1,000 00
Oct. 2.	By cash in hands of Treasurer		66 19
			$3,476 19

J. I. SWANDER, D. D., DONATION.

1888. DR.

May 29. To cash on hand, received of Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., on conditions, for payment on salary of Prof. A. S. Zerbe $220 20

(The conditions of this gift are as follows: The principal, together with the interest that may accrue thereupon for *two* years, at six per cent., to be applied on the salary of Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in Heidelberg Theo. Seminary, Tiffin, O. The same to be paid to him at the end of his second year of regular professional service in said seminary, in June, 1890, and not until after his first year's salary, due in June, 1889, shall have been fully paid. If in any event, or by any providence now unseen, the said Prof. A. S. Zerbe should not be permitted to fill the said chair, to which he was elected at the recent meeting of the Synod of Ohio, the money, with the interest, is to be otherwise appropriated, upon the suggestion of the donor, or his heirs in testament or law.)

Salary of Professors.—Statement of Accounts.

PROFESSOR J. H. GOOD.—ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, 1887.	Balance due Prof. J. H. Good, on salary		$1,365 83
	Salary due for first quarter to December 31, 1887 ...		237 50
			$1,603 33
Oct. 1, 1888.	By cash paid during the year to Prof. J. H. Good, and also to Susan H. and J. C. Good, executors		$1,603 33
	Amount borrowed and unpaid, to balance Prof. Good's salary account, with interest to date $3 58.	$1,430 33	$1,463 91

PROFESSOR HERMAN RUST.—ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, 1887.	Balance due Prof. H. Rust,....	$1,365 83	
Oct. 1, 1888.	Due on salary for one year	950 00	$2,315 83
Oct. 1, 1888.	By cash during year on salary	$1,015 26	
Oct. 1, 1888.	By balance due this date	1,300 57	$2,315 83

PROFESSOR H. H. W. HIBSHMAN—SALARY ACCOUNT.

	DR.	CR.
To nine weeks professorial services, ...	$103 50	
By cash pd. Prof. H. H. W. Hibshman, on sal. in full		$103 50

PROFESSOR J. I. SWANDER.—SALARY ACCOUNT.

To professorial services	$316 66	
By cash paid Prof. J. I. Swander, on salary in full...		$316 66

PROFESSOR A. S. ZERBE.—SALARY ACCOUNT.

To professorial services	$300 00	
By cash paid Prof. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., on salary in full		$300 00

SUMMARY OF NOTES.

Received of I. H. Reiter, D. D., former Treasurer.

19 notes secured by mortgage	$20,698 51
32 Zwingli Memorial notes	1,146 00
28 Promissory notes, from different individuals....	1,915 00
12 Promissory notes, payable after death	2,873 00
20 Promissory notes which are doubtful....	3,431 08
75 Promissory notes and Plainfield Bonds, absolutely worthless	4,825 92
1 Bond, payable after death, for Beneficiary Education	500 00

NOTES ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 1888.

21 Mortgage notes	$21,523 49
31 Zwingli Memorial notes	1,096 00
27 Promissory notes, by different individuals	1,890 00
12 Promissory notes, payable after death	2,848 32
20 Promissory notes, considered very doubtful	3,381 08
75 Promissory notes, considered absolutely worthless	4,825 92
1 Bond for Beneficiary Education, payable after death	500 00

Aside from the notes payable after death, and from which no interest can be expected at present, it is the opinion of your treasurer that an annual revenue in the way of interest cannot be reasonably expected from investments and notes in a sum exceeding $23,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors and Education.*

The Board of Visitors and Education respectfully submit their annual report for your consideration.

The Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., was re-elected president, and the Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., continued as secretary and treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of the Revs. H. Rust, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., L. H. Kefauver, D. D., and Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., professor elect.

Your board takes pleasure in stating that the Theological Seminary at Tiffin is at present in a very promising condition. Since the last meeting of synod it lost, in the death of Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., an efficient teacher, a profound theologian, a wise counsellor and a tried friend. For a time, the death of this eminent divine and scholar cast a gloom over our school of the prophets, and those having its management felt that the loss could not be easily repaired. But after a season of mourning, which was befitting, the cloud passed away and the light broke upon their vision. The Lord said to his servant, "Come up higher," and then placed in his stead two other of his servants, whose short experience at their new post of duty has already proven beyond a reasonable doubt their fitness for their respective positions. Your board feel fully convinced that, in calling Drs. Van Horne and Zerbe to the positions they respectively occupy in our seminary, your Reverend Body has displayed great wisdom in their selection, notwithstanding the eminent qualifications of the other candidates. With the proper financial support from the synod, the seminary, equipped as it now is with an efficient corps of professors, will continue to be a blessing to the church.

Your board was largely represented at the examinations of the students in the various branches of theology taught in the seminary. Dr. J. I. Swander, the President of the Board of Visitors, taught with acceptance the branches belonging to the department of Dogmatic and Practical Theology during its vacancy. The same may be said of Professor Zerbe's work. And in Dr. Rust's department it was not different.

The examinations were exceptionally good, and reflect credit upon professors and pupils alike.

Messrs. Charles E. Miller, Geo. A. Snyder and W. H. Tussing were, at their own request, regularly dismissed from the seminary, having passed an approved examination in the studies required, and were recommended for graduation. The graduating exercises took place in the College Chapel, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. The juniors were advanced to the position of seniors, and in connection with new additions to the seminary, the class is composed of Messrs. H. L. Beam, D. N. Frantz, A. H. Zechiel, Henry Gramm, Conrad Hassel and A. Franz. The junior class is composed of Henry S. Bailey, Albert H. Hibshman, Benj. H. Roth, Jos. C. Smith and Noah Ernst, graduates of Heidelberg College, and Benj. Mehr of Calvin Institute at Cleveland. The aforesaid are all young men of good natural abilities, industrious in their habits, earnest in their work and of excellent Christian character. When fully panoplied for the work of the ministry, they will do good service for the Master.

EDUCATION.

Your board is by far too circumscribed in this branch of its work by the limited means placed at its disposal. At least six others, besides those now receiving the necessary aid, could have been added to the list of beneficiary students had the means of support been at hand. If the ranks of the ministry are to be kept full, the cause of beneficiary education must receive greater attention than it has received hitherto. Of the twelve students in the seminary at present, ten are beneficiaries. This makes it very apparent that the men of wealth are not educating their sons for the ministry, but for secular callings. It is the sons of poor parents that are offering themselves for the ministry. And not one of them, in their noble aspirations, should be denied for the want of money to encourage them in their holy ambition to become ministers of the gospel. Yet the board, greatly to its sorrow, has been compelled to respond unfavorably to at least a half dozen calls, during the last year, by young men, well recommended, desiring to enter the ministry but can not prepare themselves for the want of the means to do so.

This is the result principally of the failure of the ministers to raise the apportionments recommended by the synod, for the cause of beneficiary education. This year the treasurer's report will show that not fifty per cent. of last year's apportionments has been paid in. This is to be deplored.

In view of the fact that many congregations have failed to meet the full amount of their apportionments, there is a serious deficiency in the treasury of the board. That this should be removed at once, is the unanimous view of the board, and we think of the members of the synod also. But how can this be best accomplished? (1) Either by increasing the apportionments, which will bear heavily upon the congregations that have been raising their full apportionments heretofore.

Or (2) by referring all arrearages to the congregations which have been delinquent heretofore, which will likely end in disappointment; or (3) by making an earnest effort to raise the amount of $1,500 during the year by apportionments as formerly, supplemented by private gifts from those in the church blessed with the requisite means, to the amount of $500 at least, but if possible to a still larger sum.

There are now eighteen students receiving aid from the board. Of the three graduates last year two were beneficiary students. To the list of last year the following names have been added: Messrs. Conrad Hassel, Henry Gramm, Benj. Mehr, A. Franz and S. V. Rohrbaugh. One has been compelled by a lack of funds to absent himself for a year and another has released the board from any further obligations for support. The literary and moral standing of the beneficiaries need not be commented upon, as each classis has been informed of this by the secretary of the board.

The time, for which Revs. L. H. Kefauver, A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., Prof. R. Good and N. H. Loose were elected as members of the board, expires at the meeting of this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

To cash from Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis		$262 63
" " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis		141 56
" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis		141 90
" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis		87 19
" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis		116 59
" " Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis		25 00
Whole amount received on apportionment of $2,000		$774 87
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.		
To cash from Ashland Reformed Church, per Rev. D. A. Winter	$ 7 00	
" " Peace congregation, Morrow Co., O., per Rev. D. A. Winter.	3 00	
" A Christmas gift, per Dr. G. W. Williard	25 00	
" " Prof S. Steffens, refunded	5 00	
" " Millville congregation, per Rev. W. H. Fenneman	14 00	
" " St. Matthew's Charge, Pa., per Rev. E. D. Wettach	25 00	
" " Rev. R. C. Zartman, refunded	25 00	
" " Rev. J. P. Stahl, refunded	20 00	
" " Rev. J. A. Danner, refunded	11 47	
" " Mrs. Elizabeth Heuck, Canaan, O., per Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D	10 00	
" " Emanuel's Reformed congregation, Children's Day collection, per Rev. H. S. Gekeler	24 00	
" " Missionary Society, Emanuel's Reformed congregation, per Rev. H. S. Gekeler	26 00	195 47
Carried forward		$970 34

Amount brought forward		$970 34
Interest on Brinker legacy	56 00	
Interest on Hivling legacy	84 00	
Interest on Lefler legacy	254 00	394 00
Whole amount received from October 25, 1887, to October 3, 1888		1,364 34
On hand October 25, 1887		171 15
		$1,535 49

CR.

Paid beneficiary students as per vouchers	$1,480 50
Paid for postage, &c	2 02
Paid interest on loan of $385.00	30 80
Whole amount disbursed from October 25, 1887, to October 3, 1888	1,513 32
Amount in treasury October 3, 1888	22 17
	$1,535 49

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

To bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker	800 00
To bequest of Miss S. A. Hivling	1,000 00
To bequest of J. G. Lefler	3,500 00
Interest on Brinker bequest	56 00
Interest on Hivling bequest	84 00
Interest on Lefler bequest	262 00
Due treasurer on loan	100 00
	$5,802 00

CR.

Note of Rev. Martin Mueller, Fostoria, O	800 00
Certificate of twenty shares Col. & Xenia R. R. stock	1,000 00
Note of C. C. Park, Tiffin, O	3,000 00
Note of Prof. C. M. Lowe	600 00
Amount paid contingent fund	394 00
Paid interest on temporary loan	8 00
	$5,802 00

INDEBTEDNESS.

Money borrowed to pay beneficiary students, June 13, 1887	385 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and considered, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would respectfully report. The following documents have been referred to this committee, namely, the secretary's and treasurer's reports of the Board of Education, the reports of the Board of Trustees and treasurer of the seminary.

From the various reports coming into our hands we have reasons to congratulate ourselves upon the hopeful outlook of our Theological Seminary, at least in some particulars, while in some other respects we are confronted with the same difficulties as in former years. This institution of the church is now "well manned," but sad to know it is not well moneyed. Synod has now secured an efficient teaching force for this school of theology, but we still find ourselves in the same financial straights as heretofore—a shortage of funds and an accumulating debt. The Board of Education finds itself distressed for the want of means to support its beneficiaries, and has felt itself necessitated to turn away a number of promising young men who had applied to the board for aid to prosecute their studies in their preparation for the gospel ministry. With the cry for men upon every hand, the church is unwilling to help itself.

The Board of Trustees have for many years been laboring in the distressing throes of an almost total bankrupt treasury. And it must be apparent to this synod, as it is to the Board of Trustees and to your committee, that something must now be done forthwith to relieve this institution of the church of its financial burden or the ship must sink. The immediate needs of our seminary and the further endowment of this institution are upon us. These needs must be met. The time has not only come when our seminary should receive the foremost attention of synod, and by the natural order of things its turn has come to receive support of the church and to be relieved of its financial embarrassments, but something must be done.

Your committee has reason to believe that the church will now once more rise in her strength and come to the help of this institution, and that with a judicious and vigorous effort our Theological Seminary can be placed upon a fair financial basis.

Your committee has the following resolutions to recommend for synod's action:

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and the report of the Board of Education and the reports of their respective treasurers be adopted, and that the recommendations therein be approved.

Resolved, That we apportion $2,000 for beneficiary education, and that the charges be urged to pay arrearages.

Resolved, That in the matter of the incorporation of the Theological Seminary as mentioned in the report of the Board of Trustees, synod take such action as it deems best in the premises.

Resolved, That synod adopts the program as formulated by the Board of Trustees of the seminary for the inauguration of the newly elected professors of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the election of the President of the Heidelberg Theological Seminary be referred to the Board of Trustees, with power to proceed in the matter.

Resolved, That synod, through the stated clerk, officially notify Mr. Horace Ankeney of his election as Financial Agent of the seminary, and earnestly urge him to accept said agency, and to enter upon the work of securing funds for the seminary as early as possible.

Resolved, That until said agent secures sufficient endowment funds for the seminary, the synod adopt and shall urge upon the various charges and congregations, a plan of systematic giving by annual subscriptions as near as possible by the entire membership of the church, and to be paid on or before the 1st day of July of each year, and that the amounts raised be credited on the $10,000 fund.

Resolved, That upon the observance of Reformation Day by the various congregations, collections be lifted for the immediate use of the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN K. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

III. OFFICIAL CALL TO PROFESSORS ELECT.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 16 that the President and Stated Clerk of Synod were instructed to forward a call to Dr. Van Horne and Dr. Zerbe, Professors elect (May 2, 1888) of the Theological Seminary. Thereupon the said officers presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The undersigned officers of synod would report that, according to the instructions of synod, we, on the 7th day of May, 1888, forwarded a regular call to Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., and Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Professors elect, respectively, to the Professorships of Dogmatic and Practical Theology, and of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and that they, after proper consideration, formally accepted the said positions. The letter of acceptance of the former was dated May 28, and that of the latter June 18, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Based on item 3 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject matter of this item be referred to the Board of Education for consideration, and that it make such disposition thereof as may be deemed judicious.

INCORPORATION OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 17 that the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was instructed to prepare a Form of Incorporation for the seminary, and to report to this synod. See Minutes of 1887.

pages 53 and 64; and also action of special synod). Similar reference is also made in the reports of the Trustees and of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary. The aforesaid item was adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the synod enter into a special session on Saturday morning, October 6, 1888, at 10 o'clock, and that the consideration of the subject of the Incorporation of the Heidelberg Theological Seminary be made the order of the day for that hour.

At the appointed time the synod, being assembled in the First Reformed Church in Dayton, resolved itself into a special session, by appointing Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., President, and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Clerk. Thereupon the Form of Incorporation was read and discussed, and after having been amended it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby approves of the said Form of Incorporation.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to furnish a certified copy of the proceedings of the synod respecting said incorporation to the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, and obtain a certified transcript of the record thereof.

Resolved, That the stated clerk is authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Synod for the expenses that may be incurred with respect to said incorporation.

The stated clerk, in accordance with instructions, furnished the Secretary of State with a certified copy of the proceedings of the synod in regard to said corporation, and obtained a certified transcript thereof from the Secretary of State, which is here embodied as the said

*ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.**

Incorporation of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Tiffin, Ohio.

It is hereby certified that, at a regular meeting of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held at Dayton, Ohio, on the 6th day of October, A. D., 1888, the following named persons, Isaac H. Reiter, Michael Loucks, James H. Steele, Henry M. Herman, Horace Ankeney, each for one year; John I. Swander, Samuel B. Yockey, Edward Herbruck, John J. Leberman, Benjamin Kuhns, each for two years; Sebastian C. Goss, John M. Kendig, Andrew H. Baughman, Gideon G. Prugh and Albert Ankeney, each for three years, three-fifths

*The Articles of Incorporation approved by the synod, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, were not fully in conformity with the requirements of the Statutes o Ohio, and therefore needed some modification in form and detail. This was accordingly done, in order to remedy the supposed defects. The original details, based on the Articles of Incorporation as now modified and abbreviated, will, to a great extent, be embodied in the proposed constitution, by-laws and rules of the seminary, the preparation of which has been referred to a committee by the synod to report at its next annual meeting. Thus the desired object and end will be secured.—*Stated Clerk.*

of whom are resident freeholders of the State of Ohio, and all of whom are members of said denomination, were duly elected by said synod to be trustees of the funds and other property now owned and possessed, or hereafter acquired, constituting the endowment fund of Heidelberg Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, being a school designed and operated for the education of men of approved piety and talents for the gospel ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to promote the cause of religion and sacred learning, founded, managed and controlled by said synod; said funds to be used for and devoted to the support and maintenance of said seminary, in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations prescribed by said synod; said trustees to be known by the official name and title of "The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary," and to hold, manage, rent, lease, improve, sell, or otherwise dispose of any and all real estate, or other property belonging to said denomination, which is subject to the control and direction of said synod, and which is devoted to the use and benefit of the said Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

In witness whereof said synod has caused this certificate to be executed by Alvin S. Zerbe, its President, and Isaac H. Reiter, its Stated Clerk, this 8th day of October, A. D., 1888.

[SEAL] ALVIN S. ZERBE, *President of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.*

State of Ohio, Seneca County, ss.

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Notary Public in and for Seneca County, Ohio, Alvin S. Zerbe as President of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the above certificate to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed on this 29th day of October, A. D., 1888.

Witness my name and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

[SEAL] FRANK L. EMICH, *Notary Public in and for Seneca Co., O.*

The State of Ohio, Seneca County, ss.

I, Louis Ullrich, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County of Seneca, do hereby certify that Frank L. Emich, whose name is subscribed to the certificate of proof of acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and therein written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment a Notary Public in and for said county, duly commissioned and qualified and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such, and further said signature is genuine, as I verily believe, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this state.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at the city of Tiffin, this 8th day of October, A. D., 1888.

[SEAL] LOUIS ULLRICH, Clerk.

State of Ohio, Montgomery County, ss.

Be it remembered that on this 8th day of October, A. D., 1888, personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county, Isaac H. Reiter, Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., and acknowledged the signing and sealing [illegible] for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 26th day of October, A. D., 1888.

[SEAL] HARRY H. PRUGH.
Notary Public in and for Montgomery County, Ohio

State of Ohio, County of Montgomery, ss.

I, F. K. Bowles, Clerk of the Common Pleas Court in and for said County, which is a Court of Record, having a Seal, do hereby certify that Harry H. Prugh, whose name is subscribed to the certificate or proof of acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and therein written, was at the time of so taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said county, duly commissioned and qualified and duly authorized to take the same; and further, that I am acquainted with his handwriting and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate or proof of acknowledgment is genuine. I further certify, that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said court at the city of Dayton, this 26th day of October, 1888.

[SEAL] F. K. BOWLES, *Clerk.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF OHIO, } SS.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, J. S. Robinson, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify, that the annexed instrument is a copy carefully compared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the Articles of Incorporation of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, filed in this office on the 1st day of November, A. D., 1888, and recorded in Volume 42, Page 397, of the Records of Incorporations.

Witness my hand and my official Seal, at Columbus, Ohio, this 2d day of November, A. D., 1888.

[SEAL] J. S. ROBINSON,
Secretary of State.

Resolved, That the bonds, notes, funds, securities, records and all other property now owned, controlled or held by this body in trust for or devoted to the use of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, including the endowment fund of said institution, be and are hereby donated, granted, assigned and transferred to Heidelberg Theological Seminary of said synod and church to be held, managed and used, as in the Articles of Incorporation thereof set forth; and the treasurer of said funds or properties is directed to enter such transfer upon the evidences of such properties or securities; and the said Heidelberg Theological Seminary is hereby declared to be the legal and rightful successor to all the properties and rights of whatsoever kind of said Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to receive and examine the records, notes, papers, accounts and moneys, in the hands of the present Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and that they be transferred to new treasurer to be elected.

The committee consists of Rev. Wm. A. Hale, D. D., and Elder Wm. Kefauver.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the synod is respectfully requested to appoint a committee of three to prepare a constitution, by-laws and rules for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and also to take into consideration whether any further action be necessary, in regard to the relation, functions and duties of the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors and Education of the Seminary, and if deemed necessary to define the same, and report to the synod during its next annual meeting.

The committee consists of Revs. Drs. Isaac H. Reiter, David Van Horne and Elder John T. Derr.

ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *President.*
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *Vice-President.*
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary.*
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer.*

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. James H. Steele.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.
Rev. John J. Leberman.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.
Mr. John M. Kendig.
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.
Mr. Albert Ankeney.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND EDUCATION.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.
Rev. John J. Leberman.
Rev. Isaac A. Sites.
Mr. John Keller.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.
Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.
Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D.
Rev. Reuben Good.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports relating to the college were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORT.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

In presenting our annual report to the synod in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, we are pleased to say that the last college year which closed on the 14th of June, was one of encouraging results, as the work done was greater than in any previous year. The attendance was the largest in the history of the college, there having been 270 in the several departments, as will be seen in the catalogue. This, considering the number of colleges and academies in Ohio, the improved condition of our public schools, the numerical strength of the synod under whose patronage the college is, and the fact that it has no auxiliaries from which it can draw support, must be regarded as a fair showing, and proof of the thoroughness of its instruction, course of study, and prudent management.

The general conducts and habits of the students were such as to meet the approval of the faculty. The rules and regulations of the college were respected, and a pleasant feeling existed between all concerned, so that there was but little need of the exercise of discipline, the students having been taught the duty of self-government and a cheerful submission to authority as of essential importance to the development of the highest type of manhood and womanhood.

The graduating class, twenty-five in number, was the largest in the history of the college, a result gratifying to the friends of the college as it gives evidence of its growing popularity.

The opening of the fall term of the present collegiate year on the 5th of September, was marked by an accession of over sixty new students to the college and academy, making ninety-three in the college and sixty-five in the academy, with a corresponding increase in the Conservatory of Music which has about forty on its roll. The Art and Business

Departments having just opened, it will require time to work up a good attendance. The prospect, however, is encouraging. The present attendance in all the departments of the college is nearly 200, which although encouraging, is not as large as it might be by a united and earnest effort on the part of its friends.

An earnest effort was made last year to pay off the debt on the new college building. In this, however, we failed, as but few pastoral charges seemed ready to co-operate in the movement. Where an effort was made the result was gratifying, so that the sum of $2,911 was raised, which, in addition to the collections made on former subscriptions, reduced the debt last June to $6,800, against which there were notes and subscriptions sufficient, with $3,000 additional, to pay off the entire debt. We are glad to say that one-third of the indebtedness at the meeting of the board in June has now been secured, so that if $2,000 more can be obtained the entire debt will be cancelled, provided the shrinkage of the notes and subscriptions on hand for this purpose is not greater than might be expected. The board whilst thanking the synod for its hearty co-operation in the past, would respectfully request that one more earnest effort be made to wipe out the entire debt on the new building by the next annual commencement, so that the college may no longer be encumbered and embarrassed by it.

The board also feels gratified to the synod for its action last year in setting apart the first Sunday in February, 1888, as College Day, and requesting its ministers to preach on the subject of Christian Education, and take up collections for the benefit of the college; but regrets to say that a comparatively small number complied with the request. Why this was so we are at a loss to know. The action of synod was wise and judicious, as it gave a fitting opportunity to emphasize the importance of Christian Education over against that which is merely secular, to present the claims of our own college in all our congregations, and to urge upon the youth of the church the desirableness of availing themselves of the educational facilities at hand to enable them to fit themselves for the work and business of life. As the time fixed for College Day by the Synod at its last annual session was only a few weeks later than the time when collections were requested for the Theological Seminary, this may have been one reason why so few observed it, as they did not want to take two collections so close together. To avoid the same thing in the future, we would suggest, that in case it is thought best to present the claims of the seminary on Reformation Day, that the time for College Day be changed to the first Sunday in May, or any other time that may be thought preferable, and so avoid the semblance of antagonism between these two interests which are so closely allied. The board, believing that the general observance of College Day will be attended with good results, would be glad if it be continued.

It affords us great pleasure to inform synod that Elder A. H. Baughman, of Xenia, O., who has been one of the fast friends of the college

president's zeal and perseverance, and the cherished dream of a multitude of friends entirely fulfilled. To bring about this desired end demands the continued co-operation of clergy and laity, which it is reasonable to suppose will be cheerfully granted until the "uttermost farthing" has been paid, and thus the powers now devoted to this unpleasant task be turned into other channels. This synod must look with generous sympathy upon the institution which is the intellectual mother of many of its members and indispensable to the effective prosecution of its work. While other claims are now being pressed upon the attention of the people, and justly so, the interests of the college should not be entirely forgotten. By the sleepless efforts of the management, and the faithful work of the faculty, the institution has been pushed to the front among the thirty or more colleges of the State, and has a most promising future. We may well feel proud of Heidelberg as it now is and enthusiastic over what it may yet be made to be.

Deserving of special mention in this report is the liberality of Mr. A. H. Baughman, one of the old and staunch friends of the institution, who has decided to endow a college professorship in the near future. Such kingly generosity is so rare in the history of the Reformed Church that it can not but create universal rejoicing, and call out the warmest appreciation of our people.

The committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this synod owes a deep debt of gratitude to Elder A. H. Baughman of Xenia, Ohio, for the very tangible evidence of his love to Heidelberg College in the proposed endowment of a professorial chair, and that we hold him in high esteem for his extraordinary liberality, and commend his course worthy of imitation by all our people.

Resolved, That the effort of the faculty to fit up a laboratory and provide apparatus for a more practical study of chemistry, is deserving of favorable mention here, and of the encouragement of the friends of the institution.

Resolved, That in view of the limited observance of College Day in the past year and the meager results attained, the day be changed to the first Sunday in May, and the attention of the ministry be called to the desirableness of its more general observance.

Resolved, That this synod has learned with regret of the physical infirmities of the Financial Agent of the College, Elder Henry Leonard, who has spent so many years of hard work for the college but whose earthly activity in that direction seems ended forever, and that we heartily sympathize with him in his affliction, and pray that the Divine Father may sustain him in his sickness and grant him all needed grace to the last.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Heidelberg College be respectfully requested to submit a report to this body annually.

Resolved, That the comparatively small number of graduates devoting themselves to the Christian ministry is a fact deserving the serious

attention of the synod, and that we will use our best efforts to persuade more of our young men to select the ministry in preference to other vocations. EMIL P. HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Vice-President*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.
Rev. Daniel R. Taylor.
Mr. Henry H. Eavey.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.
Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Mr. Henry Leonard.
Hon. R. L. Sharp.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.
Rev. John J. Leberman.
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Mr. Irvin Yost.
Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during Friday afternoon session, reported in item 15 that synod had appointed a representative to meet with the Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne at its next annual meeting, with the view of entering into closer co-operation. The said representative, through the stated clerk, submitted a report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Home, as you know, primarily is guardianship. To minister to the physical and temporary necessities of suffering children is well; but the Home has done all that, and more. It has taken children, lifted them out of their unhappy circumstances, and in some cases placed them in good homes, and taken care that their minds and hearts, as well as bodies, were also nurtured.

We realize that the benefit of such an institution is not merely to the child, but to ourselves also, and the common-weal. For every child rescued, the community is spared a pauper, the county a prisoner, and the gallows, perhaps, a victim. We all know the expense to society of paupers and criminal classes, and this increases as their kind increases. What is the expense of this and other Homes of like character compared with the expense of punishing criminals? The good work depends entirely upon the benevolent contributions of the church, for it has no endowment fund upon which to depend. There is never an idle dollar in the treasury. Whatever is given for the work is more than welcome —it is pressingly needed. The managers are very grateful to this synod, and especially instructed your delegate to tender you their most cordial greetings and thanks for favors in the past, and pray you to continue your aid.

Brethren, this is the church's work, the people—the Christian people are its support. Surely, no charity touches the sympathies and holds the confidence of a Christian people more strongly than this, and it appeals to us as a synod, for at least one collection during the year, as a contribution for such a most worthy object. Remember the injunction of our Savior: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones;" "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones, it were better for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

Respectfully,

WM. H. XANDERS, *Delegate.*

After the adoption of the foregoing report, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That a Committee on Orphans' Homes be appointed, to whom all matters relating to such institutions shall be referred to report thereon.

This committee consists of Revs. Wm. H. Shults, Nathan W. Bloom and Elder Henry L. Crider.

Also, according to item 3 in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, a communication was received, respecting the St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., from the superintendent, Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., who also made a verbal statement of its condition and wants.

Also, Rev. L. M. Kerschner, delegate from the Central Synod, made a statement in behalf of the interests of the Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, presenting its claims to the generous support of the church.

These papers and statements were referred to the aforesaid committee, who during Monday evening session submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special Committee on Orphans' Homes, heard, and were highly pleased with the remarks of Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., in the interest of St. Paul's, and Rev. L. M. Kerschner in behalf of the Ft. Wayne Orphans' Homes. From these sources, together with a communication from the superintendent of St. Paul's Home and the report of our delegate to the Ft. Wayne Home, to which special attention is directed, we are able to report the following:

WHEREAS, These institutions have done a noble work in the past, and promise even better results in the future; and

WHEREAS, They are still in need of our continued support, in order to enable them to enlarge their usefulness; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod cordially commends the management of these Homes for our providentially needy.

Resolved, That they deserve and should receive our liberal aid so as to be able to administer to the necessities and comforts of our church orphans, and that our Sunday-schools be recommended to make at least one contribution annually for these worthy institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SHULTS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Lord, our God, has been with us for another year of prayerful soul-saving and large ingathering through the Sunday-school work of the synod. He needs to be praised and magnified for his grace and goodness. Glad tidings from the schools of the kingdom come to this synod from all sections of the church, and your board once again asks that you join with us in that song of gracious triumph, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Another year's labors and their results demonstrate the greatness of our cause, serving to press more urgently and earnestly its high claims upon the church and clearly indicate the divine approval of him who commands us in his word, "Feed my lambs."

Your board organized in May, 1888, at Tiffin, O., by the re-election of Rev. A. E. Baichly, President, and Rev. E. R. Williard, Secretary. These, with the remaining members of the board, have been watchful of the Sunday-school interests of the synod, have done much in the way of correspondence, contributions to church papers, the gathering of statistics, and in other matters, claiming the attention of such a board as ours,

and congratulate ourselves that in the Providence of God and guided by his Spirit, we have been able to accomplish good, and in a goodly measure to strengthen and advance this important interest in our beloved Zion.

In view of the present organization of the Sunday-school work of the Reformed Church in the United States under the Board of General Synod (of which this synod has two members, and in whose Executive Committee of three, it has one), there has been less for our District Synodical Board to do, and yet it has not been without its labor, and this particular labor has not been without its fruit.

I. SUNDAY-SCHOOL HELPS.

The board congratulates the church upon the great and rapid advance it has made in the Sunday-school Lesson Helps and other literature for the use of our schools. The overture which the Ohio Synod had the honor to send up from its session at Cedarville, Ill., resulted, happily, in the appointment by General Synod, in session at Akron, O., June, 1887, of a General Synodical Sunday-school Board, whose province it should be to take charge of the Sunday-school interests of the entire church, issue its helps, provide its literature, festival services, &c.

In accordance with the action of General Synod, and according to its instruction, that board was organized at Altoona, Pa., November, 1887, and by July 1, 1888, had already a uniform series of Lesson Helps prepared for use, which, after several months of trial, have proven the wisdom of our action. Because of the superior character of the new series, the ability with which they are edited, the cheapness at which they are published, and other reasons, it is hoped by this board that the whole church may enter heartily into this new effort and give this enterprise its patronage and prayers, assuring in these helps, sound, wholesome food for our children, and doctrine according to the confessions and symbols of the Reformed Church. This arrangement has relieved your board of much of its former labor and service, and yet in our judgment it should not be dissolved, but permitted to serve as a co-laborer with General Synod's Board.

It might be well for synod to define what it conceives to be the duty of this board under the circumstances, and we so recommend.

The church may well flatter herself in this new and successful movement, and rejoice that her Sunday-school Helps are now equal in merit to those published anywhere.

II. SUNDAY-SCHOOL FESTIVALS.

The time honored custom of the church in observing Christmas and Easter has prevailed very largely in our Sunday-schools. In addition to these, the Children's Day Festival, to us, as yet, a new institution, is growing in favor and in its observance by the schools. This synod

should instruct its schools to observe this day each year, and where at all possible to use the second Sunday in September, instead of allowing themselves the liberty as observed in the published notices of the services, as held in the different schools, to use any day they may choose.

The Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod use the September Sunday appointed by General Synod, and in enthusiasm, decorations, collections, &c., seem to have compared with other years, though in consequence of the almost entire failure to report collections as directed by synod, the board is unable to report the amount.

By the action of General Synod, the board this year was relieved of the publication of the service, which, by General Synod's Board, was committed to the publishing houses at Philadelphia and Dayton. The service generally used was the very excellent one published by the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, which had a sale of more than 20,000 copies. These brethren deserve to be greatly commended and largely patronized for the diligence and neatness with which they issue the helps and services for our Sunday-schools. A copy of this service accompanies this report.

It is to be regretted that so far the idea of a uniform Christmas and Children's Day Service has not been secured. This board, at a meeting in Tiffin, O., in May, 1888, directed communication with the publishers east and west, with reference to this matter, and failed to get the consent of the Eastern Publishing House to enter the arrangement of General Synod's Board, whilst the Reformed Publishing Company expressed to the board its willingness to acquiesce, and hence the service as issued from Dayton. This board now expresses itself willing to comply with synod's action at Lancaster upon this subject, (See Minutes, page 88, Resolutions), but at the same time expresses the hope that these services may soon become uniform, and declares its judgment to be that they should be issued directly by General Synod's Board, instead of by either District Boards or publishing houses.

III. CONVENTIONS.

All the Classes of Synod held their conventions this year. Programmes of Miami, Tiffin, Lancaster, St. Joseph and Tuscarawas Classes accompany this report. The programmes and reports from the different conventions indicate more than usual interest, and that a good work has been done. Where conventions have failed, if at all, it has been because of the lamentable indifference and absence of the ministers. Subjects upon the programmes were selected, and were discussed with enthusiasm and profit.

The evidences are abundant, in the hands of the board, to show that the organized, classical convention work is a good one, and that therefore the synod should affectionately insist upon both ministers and laymen giving this subject proper attention and attendance, and that conventions should use both in the construction of programmes.

Because of the interest and profit of this kind of work, the board is encouraged to suggest the organization of a Synodical Sunday-school Convention, made up from the different classes, to meet in connection with synod, say biennially or triennially, if not annually, on Monday or Tuesday evening, and Wednesday, until synod assembles. We recommend this subject to the consideration and discussion of this synod. Such a convention bringing together the Sunday-school workers of the synod, could not help but be inspiring and helpful.

IV. STATISTICS.

The statistics this year are very hopeful and encouraging. It will be observed that in the total, one classis less than last year appears, Northern Illinois Classis which reported last year, now belonging to another synod.

These statistics came into the hands of the board in good time and according to the regular order of synod. They are perhaps the completest, though not altogether full, of any year within the history of this board. From these reports a very growing state of things is clearly shown.

It is a source of special joy that there is a constant yearly swelling of the stream flowing into the church from this cause, a tide of human souls moving church-ward and heaven-ward from the Sunday-schools, guided by faithful teachers, God's Word and Spirit.

Then they show another thing that should not be passed in silence, viz: that the Sunday-schools have been doing a larger mission work, home and foreign, in the way of ingathering from the world and contributions to benevolence.

The figures are gratifying and should be printed with this report in the Minutes of Synod.

V. OHIO CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT.

At the meeting in Lancaster last year, synod indorsed the movement of the "Ohio Sunday-school Exhibit" in connection with the State Centennial, and directed the board, if in their judgment they should see best to make such an exhibit, to proceed. Synod elected Rev. R. Keller and Elder V. P. Van Horne, clerical and lay member respectively, of the Board of Managers. The board did see best and has a creditable exhibit in Educational Hall on Ohio Centennial Grounds at Columbus, in which the Reformed Church may take pride. A map of good size indicating the locality, number and other matters of interest concerning the Reformed Sunday-schools of Ohio, occupies a conspicuous place in the exhibit. This map is artistically designed, of handsome appearance full of information, and gives at a glance a complete showing of not only the Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod, but of the German Synods as well, within the State of Ohio. It is pronounced decidedly the finest and most complete map of the exhibit, and shows our strength to be

greater than that of some other churches in Ohio, and hence not the "least among the giants of the earth."

Much merited praise is due Rev. R. Keller and Elder Van Horne for the earnest service and unspared labor used in the gathering of material and in the preparation of the map for this exhibit; also to the publishing houses, English and German, for the gratuitous aid they rendered in furnishing exhibits of literature, &c., appropriate to and entering into this matter.

We may proudly congratulate ourselves upon our success in this enterprise and upon the favorable mention we receive; and let us hope that it is labor and money invested that will enlarge our influence and usefulness in the cause of the Master, as we stand equal and shoulder to shoulder with the advancing Sunday-school workers of our sister churches in Ohio. For further particulars of this exhibit and of the grand State Sunday-school Rally on September 26, in which we also were represented, we refer you to the report of synod's commissioners, whose known modesty we feared might prevent them from speaking in such terms of our and their part in the exhibition as it justly deserved.

In addition to the recommendations contained in the body of this report, the board would suggest the following:

1. Since synod, at its last session, ordered certain changes in the statistical blanks, we suggest that it now order the printing of a supply of the same.

2. That the Sunday-school statistical table be published annually in Minutes of Synod.

3. That synod expresses its thanks to Rev. R. Keller and Elder V. P. Van Horne, and the publishing houses, for their earnest service in behalf of our exhibit in the Ohio Sunday-school Centennial.

4. The attention of synod is called to the fact that the terms of Rev. A. E. Baichly and Rev. E. P. Herbruck on this board, expire at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation report that the documents referred to us are the report of Synod's Board, the report of the Centennial Commissioners, together with programmes of Sunday-school Conventions.

The report of Synod's Board shows gratifying progress in our Sunday-school work, indicative of increased interest in this necessary department

of church work. The report of the Centennial Commissioners deserves especial attention, presenting a new and valuable exhibit of our Sunday-school work.

Your committee respectfully submits the following for consideration:

It is earnestly recommended that all our Sunday-schools use our Sunday-school helps, now published so cheap, and so well adapted to our denominational wants.

Resolved, That synod orders the printing of the authorized statistical blanks for the use of the various schools, and that the statistical tables be annually published in the Minutes of Synod.

INASMUCH as our Sunday-school Commissioners, Rev. Reuben Keller and Elder Victor P. Van Horne, at the Ohio Centennial Sunday-school Exhibit, did their work with so much credit to themselves and the church; therefore,

Resolved, That synod hereby gives expression of great satisfaction for the very satisfactory work done, with our thanks, and also that the Reformed Publishing Company and the German Publishing House be similarly recognized for the efficient assistance rendered in connection with said exhibit.

Resolved, That the Chart on exhibition at Columbus be in charge of Synod's Sunday-school Board, after the close of the Centennial, with the recommendation that it be finally placed in the library of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Synod's attention is directed to the fact that the terms of Revs. A. E. Baichly and E. P. Herbruck expire at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE OHIO SYNOD, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1888.

CLASSES.	STATED CLERKS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Months held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of Members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Collections for use of Schools.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teacher's Meetings?		Do you Study the Catechism in S. S.	
												Yes	No	Yes	No
Miami	Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D	37	11½	4,165	635	4,730	168	859	2,433	$1,866	$498	9	8	4	14
Lancaster	Rev. Geo. H. Leonard.	26	11	2,957	313	2,413	99	400	1,335	673	318	4	22	3	23
Tuscarawas	Rev. R. C. Zartman	38	11⅔	3,895	556	4,074	193	815	2,084	1,847	457	10	28	4	34
Tiffin	Rev. John D. Neff	28	12	2,363	283	2,624	71	175	1,303	821	349	2	13	6	9
Eastern Ohio	Rev. Geo. W. Henning	24	9	2,330	274	2,559	183	1,300	384	668	166	3	8	4	7
St. Joseph	Rev. John R. Skinner.	38	11⅔	2,495	407	2,805	121	471	1,015	1,016	200	3	10	1	12
Total, 6.		191	11	18,205	2,468	19,205	785	5,020	8,554	6,801	1,983	31	89	22	89

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *President*, Farmersville, Ohio.
Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. David W. Ebbert. Rev. George H. Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

V. REPORT ON RELATION OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARDS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 9 that a committee was appointed to define the relation between the Sunday-school Board of the Ohio Synod and of the General Synod. Thereupon the committee submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of this synod, to consider a request from the Board of Sunday-schools "to be instructed with reference to its relation to the Board of the General Synod," beg leave to report.

Your committee are of the opinion that the definition of relation and duties should proceed from the Higher Court, and we recommend this body to overture the General Synod to pronounce upon this matter. Awaiting such decision, we offer the following as sufficient for the present:

Resolved, That the relation of the Ohio Synod's Board of Sunday-schools to the Board of the General Synod, is that of a subordinate to a superior.

Resolved, That as a subordinate board, it is its duty to execute as far as possible, the plans and instructions of the General Board; to advise and inform that board, when requested to do so, of all facts in their possession relating to the condition of this cause in this synod, to assist that board in gathering statistics, to supervise the Sunday-school Conventions in our classes, receive their reports and transmit the same or copies of them to the General Board for its information.

Resolved, That this synod has direct oversight of the Sunday-schools within its bounds, shall inform itself of the condition, operations, statistics, &c., of the Sunday-school cause, and may give any instructions that do not conflict with those previously given by the General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Sunday-schools of this synod shall continue to report on these matters annually to this synod, and execute such instructions as may be given.

Resolved, That this synod respectfully overtures the General Synod to define the relation and render instructions to be observed by both the superior and the subordinate boards.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

VI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS ON CENTENNIAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 8 that Rev. Reuben Keller and Elder Victor P. Van Horne were appointed as commissioners to be members of the Board of Managers of the Ohio State Sunday-school Exhibit at Columbus in 1888, in view of the Centennial Celebration of the State of Ohio. In response the commissioners, during the morning session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the undersigned commissioners, appointed by the synod at its last annual meeting, as members of the Board of Managers of the Sunday-school Exhibit at the Columbus Centennial, would report as follows:

It was a new field of service to which you invited us. While in the main the time and effort devoted to it were pleasantly and profitably given, yet there was a great deal more time and labor necessary than was anticipated. A few things were annoying and more that were disappointing. Because of some of these, the gathering of statistics and other data did not proceed as rapidly as we desired, and all material was not crystallized into the chart as soon as we had hoped.

Work was begun in due time, after a consultation with your Sunday-school Board at a meeting at Tiffin. It was the opinion of all that a map or chart should be prepared that would fully and fairly represent the Sunday-school strength of the Reformed Church in this State. Soon after, State maps were sent to the several classes in the State, both German and English, and a full report asked as to the location, membership and other facts of interest. A number of requests came in for privilege to withhold reports till after the spring meetings of the classes, so that the freshest statistics possible might be furnished. When all these reports were in they were condensed into one map for the artist.

Another delay that was very annoying to us, as it may have been to other members of the church, occurred after the artist's work was completed and the frame ready, in that no glass being found in the city of Dayton when assurance was given previously that one of the required size would be ready when wanted. For this reason the chart was kept from the exhibit somewhat longer than otherwise.

As the work is now complete and is on the walls of the Sunday-school alcoves, it gives an outline of the State of Ohio, all schools correctly located, to what classis each belongs, and the members enrolled; the largest schools of the several classes are respectively indicated by little flags being raised over them, and the larger one over Akron indicates that Grace School is the largest in the State. Other matter has been added with reference to history, doctrine and government, which renders the whole more attractive, instructive and complete. Scrolls and other designs of various sizes and forms are scattered over the face of the map, giving it quite a unique appearance, as well as evincing the taste of the artist. The whole is neatly and substantially framed with a glass, by which it is rendered more finished in appearance as well as fits it for future use and instruction. In its present form it can be preserved for generations to come, and no doubt will be more interesting decades and centuries hence for purposes of exhibition and reference, as it correctly, fairly and fully gives the location and strength of our Sunday-schools in this Ohio Centennial year (1888).

At his special and respectful request, privilege was given Rev. M. Loucks, of the *Christian World*, to have a photograph view of the map taken before it was forwarded to Columbus. The photographing was successfully done, and these pictures are now offered for sale, and as they are of proper size for framing, we would recommend them to the members and families of this synod as worthy of a place in their households.

The Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, and the German Publishing House of Cleveland, in answer to our request, placed on exhibition in the Sunday-school department, Sunday-school and other literature and publications, which, together with the chart, represents our church in a very creditable way. While statistics prove us neither least nor largest in numerical strength, yet we do say, and say it with some degree of pride, that so far as the exhibit at Columbus is concerned, we stand equal, if not superior, to all the churches of the State.

We would record our grateful acknowledgments to your Sunday-school Board for their interest and early suggestions; to Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, and Rev. H. A. Meier of the German Church, Dayton, for furnishing valuable statistics; to Rev. D. W. Ebbert of Trinity Church, Dayton, and the editors of the *Christian World*, for timely and helpful suggestions towards the elaboration of the chart; and to the Reformed Publishing Company and the German Publishing House for furnishing material for the exhibit.

While it is for the synod itself to arrange for the safe-keeping of the Chart after the Centennial, yet your commissioners would venture several suggestions after our mutual consideration of the matter, and after consultation with the Sunday-school Board.

1. That the Sunday-school Board of this synod be the custodians of the same; that they order it to be shipped at the close of the Centennial

therefore, according to Article 30, chapter I, part second of the Constitution, "the appeal must be considered as abandoned, and the sentence of the lower court final."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENNING, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.*

Members whose term expires October, 1888.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

RESPECTING CONTRACT OF PUBLICATION OF "HYMNAL."

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio Synod, during the morning session on Thursday, presented the following statement of the contract for the publication of the "Reformed Church Hymnal," which was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported that the Ohio Synod, during its annual meeting at Xenia, in May, 1878, accepted the manuscript of the "Reformed Church Hymnal" prepared by a committee of the synod, and instructed its trustees to accept a proposition from Rev. Dr. J. H. Good for its publication. In accordance with the instructions given, the trustees, after some delay, accepted the said proposition, and made a formal contract with Dr. Good for the publication of the book, dated July 29, 1880. This contract, which expires December 31, 1888, and requires consideration by this synod, is as follows:

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*Because of some oversight the synod did not elect Trustees of Synod, and hence the names of those whose term expired in October, 1888, are retained in the present minutes.—*Stated Clerk.*

"*THIS INSTRUMENT IS WITNESS:*

That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States of the first part, and Jeremiah H. Good of the second part, have entered into the following agreement:

That the said second party will, at his own risk and expense, publish, distribute and sell the 'Reformed Church Hymnal.'

Pay for the copyright and stereotype plates and all other expenses connected therewith.

The said first party is to allow said second party or assigns to so publish, distribute and sell said 'Hymnal,' under its authority for the period of ten years, from the 31st day of December, A. D. 1878.

At the end of said period, the said first party is to have the option of taking the publication of said 'Hymnal' into its own hands, by paying said second party for the stereotype plates one-tenth (1-10) of their original cost.

Said second party further agrees that the price for said 'Hymnal' shall not exceed twelve ($12) dollars per dozen for common size and style, and other sizes and styles to be proportionate in price." (Minutes 1880, page 63.)

In behalf of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

Thereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to whom the whole subject respecting the contract for the publication of the "Reformed Church Hymnal," together with all documents having reference thereto, be referred to report thereon.

The committee consists of Revs. Geo. Z. Mechling, Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Dr. John I. Swander, and Elders Horace Ankeney and George W. Tussing.

Also, during the afternoon session on Friday, the Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 3 that an overture was received from the executors of the estate of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., asking this synod to waive its claim on and interest in the publication of the "Reformed Church Hymnal" in favor of the heirs of said estate. The subject matter of this item was also referred to the aforesaid committee.

After due consideration, the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee would respectfully report:

That inasmuch as the General Synod has under contemplation the issuing of a Hymn Book or Hymnal, which may be accomplished in a few years, it is the sense of your committee that it is not expedient for this synod to purchase the stereotype plates of the "Reformed Church Hymnal," and we accordingly recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby annuls the contract and abandons all claim to the interest involved in favor of the legal heirs of said estate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. MECHLING, *Chairman.*

FRATERNAL GREETING AND SENTIMENTS OF CHRISTIAN UNION.

During the morning session on Friday, Rev. Peter Moerdyke and Rev. A. Paige Peeke, ministers of the Reformed Church in America, appeared in synod as visiting brethren, and having been introduced, were heartily welcomed in our midst. On Saturday morning, after the opening services, they addressed the synod in a kindly and fraternal manner. Their addresses, pervaded with union sentiments, were of a very cordial, frank and interesting character, and met with the hearty approval of the synod.

The President of Synod responded in an appropriate and well directed manner.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in view of the fraternal greeting and kindly sentiments expressed, as well as the delightful Christian intercourse enjoyed, a committee of three be appointed to submit a report, breathing a spirit of Christian fellowsnip and having a bearing on the subject of union of the two Reformed Churches.

The committee consists of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to which was referred the subject of Christian union suggested by the remarks of Revs. P. Moerdyke and A. P. Peeke of the Reformed Church in America, would respectfully report,

That this synod has recognized and welcomes with great pleasure the presence of Revs. P. Moerdyke and A. P. Peeke of the Reformed Church in America, who have come into our midst at the solicitation of the chairman of this committee, moved by a spirit of love and a desire to become better acquainted with us in the hope that such informal associations may be of mutual benefit, and contribute to Christian union; and that we have heard with delight their remarks before this synod on the subject of a closer union between all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and their own personal desire of a closer union of the two Reformed Churches in the near future. Your committee would hereby reciprocate the kind Christian feeling which they have manifested and expressed in the well chosen and appropriate remarks made on the floor of synod, and assure them that our own hearts beat in unison with theirs, and that our prayer is that the great Head of the church may hasten the time when all his followers shall be one as he and the Father

are one, and that we will watch and foster with interest everything that may in the least contribute to an organic union of the Reformed Church in America, with the Reformed Church in the United States, believing, as we do, that such a union will, in a variety of ways, advance the glory of God, together with the best interest of the two Reformed Churches here referred to, as it will be a movement in the right direction, looking to the final unification of the Church of Christ, and will also in the meantime add to our efficiency and success in the great work committed to our hands. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
ISAAC H. REITER,
HORACE ANKENEY,
Committee.

BOUNDARY OF ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

St. Joseph Classis, as reported, during the afternoon session on Thursday, by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis in item 4, requests synod to define the east and south boundary lines of said classis. This item was adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the subject matter of this item be referred to a special committee, consisting of members of synod from Tiffin and St. Joseph Classes, who shall consider this matter of boundary, and report to the synod at its next annual meeting.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Samuel Shaw and Elder Edward Andre of Tiffin Classis, and of Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Lewis B. Clayton and Elder Frank D. Platter of St. Joseph Classis.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your board organized in the city of Dayton, December 29, 1887, by the election of the following officers:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President.*

Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary.*

Rev. J. B. Henry, *Treasurer.*

Subsequently the treasurer resigned, and Elder V. P. Van Horne was elected to fill his place.

Our reports from year to year must be quite similar, the result of the peculiar relations this synod, through its board, sustains to the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. We have no authority in its management, and consequently we are limited to such recommendations which will possibly help in the work of widening the circulation of the *Christian World* and all other publications of this company.

The *Christian World* has made its weekly visits promptly during the year, and the members of this synod will, we are sure, join with the board in most cordially commending it to all our families as worthy a place in all our homes. The publishers kindly and most respectfully solicit the hearty co-operation of all the pastors in the circulation of the *Christian World.*

It ought to be remembered that the church absolutely needs this means of communication. Our people must remain ignorant of much that is essential to intelligent church membership without this means of information. Hence it is one department of educational work, and should be cordially supported.

The helps for Sabbath-school work are under the management of the General Synod's Board. This arrangement has been kindly received by our people, and evidently substantial gains have been secured. The progress made is real, the Sabbath-school workers have better helps than heretofore, and we can therefore confidently expect even better results in the future.

The publishers may justly expect the full co-operation of all in their endeavor to introduce their Sabbath-school literature into all our schools. Especially is this true of the helps, for the contents of these they are not responsible, but General Synod's Board is.

We should give these children of our own creation a warm reception everywhere, and see to it that they shall grow into the strongest true manhood.

The publishers most respectfully solicit the more general patronage of the church, that this department of our activity may grow in usefulness and become a still greater power for good.

Synod is reminded that the time for which Rev. J. B. Henry and Elder V. P. Van Horne are elected, expires at this synod.

Most respectfully,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report, which was received, and, together with that of the board, adopted:

Your committee on publication would respectfully submit the following report:

The only documents placed in our hands were the annual report of the President of the Board and the report of the publishing company.

From these reports we are pleased to state that our publication interests are in a prosperous and flourishing condition. The *Christian World* is ably and efficiently edited by Revs. Herbruck and Loucks. It has

been a welcome visitor to many of the homes of our church during the last year, but we are sorry to say that many members of the church do not appreciate the helpfulness of such a valuable auxiliary in the education of the home in the Christian life as the church paper has proved itself to be. Your committee would express the hope that a larger and fuller appreciation of the *Christian World* may manifest itself in the future.

The Sunday-school publications are issued regularly, and we are pleased to state, have more than realized the expectations of the church. As a church we need no longer look to other sources for our Sunday-school supplies. We have now our own literature issued under the supervision of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, and are proud to say that they are the peers of the best publications of the kind in our land.

We congratulate the synod on the auspicious present in our publication interests, and that with a larger measure of hopefulness than ever before can we look forward to a wider and more effective influence for good in our church through their instrumentality.

Your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school publications be again most earnestly commended to the patronage of our church.

Resolved, That the pastors of the church be earnestly requested to use their influence in securing a larger circulation of the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school publications.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Secretary*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Elder Victor P. Van Horne, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1889.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. William E. Ludwick.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. James H. Steele. Elder M. D. Myers.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to have 1,500 copies of the minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute the same among those entitled to receive them.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the addresses delivered at the inauguration of the theological professors be published in pamphlet form, and that a committee of three be appointed to superintend the publication thereof.

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of said addresses be published, and that they be distributed among the classes in the ratio of the church membership.

The committee called for in the first resolution consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Michael Loucks and Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports received the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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Amount in treasury October 25, 1887	$1,010 03
To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	50 00
" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	90 35
" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	56 90
" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis for 1886	78 58
" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis for 1887	76 18
" " Rev. T. J. Bacher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis	25 00
" " Rev. Jos. Sechler, Treasurer Northern Illinois Classis, to pay indebtedness of Shelby Classis	14 51
" " J. H. Brown, Treasurer Synod of the Interior in part of General Synod's assessment	45 00
" " Miami Classis, per Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer	131 68
	$1,578 23

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By cash paid Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk, salary for 1887	75 00
" for stationary used at synod	1 00
" Rev. A. E. Baichly, President Board of Sunday-schools, for expenses incurred	9 00
" *Lance Gazette* Printing Office for printing tickets	1 50
" Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., *emeritus* professor, salary	150 00
" For Account Book for Treasurer Synod	50
" Mrs. S. B. Yockey, traveling expenses to synod	4 90
" Rev. E. R. Williard, for Church Erection Board	300 00
" Sexton of Grace Reformed Church at Lancaster	10 00
" Mrs. Prof. C. O. Knepper, traveling expenses to synod	5 20
" Stated Clerk of Synod, for printing 1,300 copies Minutes of Synod	147 55
" Stated Clerk for bill of sundries	41 75
" C. G. Gross, Treasurer General Synod, on contingent apportionment	186 85
" C. G. Gross, Treasurer General Synod, for Bohemian Church aid	93 15
" Stated Clerk for traveling expenses, etc., at special meeting of the synod at Tiffin	15 00
" paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer General Synod, in full, of contingent apportionment	103 22
" from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	1 75
" to Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, salary as stated clerk for 1888	75 00
" for postage and paper	1 85
Amount paid out to October 3, 1888	$1,223 42
By balance in the treasury October 3, 1888	354 81
	$1,578 23

DUE ON APPORTIONMENT OF 1887 FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

From Lancaster Classis	$21 38	
" Tuscarawas Classis	10 71	
" St. Joseph Classis	45 85	
" Synod of the Interior	28 00	
		105 94

INDEBTEDNESS.

Due on apportionment of General Synod for Harbor Missions	227 60

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and with that of the treasurer, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have apportioned the following amounts among the classes: for contingencies, $650; for missions, $5,500; for education, $2,000; for church erection, $500.

CLASSES.	Members.	Contingencies.	Missions.	Education.	Church Erection.
Miami	5,181	$165	$1,460	$530	$130
Lancaster	2,683	95	760	275	68
Tuscarawas	3,927	135	1,110	400	100
Tiffin	2,214	70	630	230	60
Eastern Ohio	2,991	100	850	310	80
St. Joseph	2,464	85	690	255	62
	19,460	$650	$5,500	$2,000	$500

We have also audited the report of the Treasurer of Synod and found it correct, and we recommend its adoption. The treasurer calls attention to the delinquencies due from Lancaster, Tuscarawas and St. Joseph Classes and the Synod of the Interior, and to the delinquency due the General Synod for Harbor Missions.

We submit the following action:

Resolved, That the attention of the above classes and synod be called to these delinquencies, and that they be instructed to pay the debt.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Synod be instructed to notify the Treasurer of the Synod of the Interior of the existing delinquency, and request a settlement of the account.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

III. BILLS ALLOWED AND TO BE PAID BY TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by synod:

1. Mr. Joseph Moxley, $10 for his services as sexton of the First Reformed Church during the sessions of synod.

2. Reformed Publishing Company for stationery $3.60, and printing 150 tickets, $2.00, for use of synod, making a total of $5.60.

3. Rev. Geo. W. Henning, $1.90 for traveling expenses as delegate to Central Synod at New Philadelphia, O.

4. Rev. Reuben Keller and Elder Victor P. Van Horne, $73.65 for expenses as commissioners to the Centennial Sunday-school Exhibit at Columbus, O.

5. Treasurer of Church Erection Board, $150.00 to be applied on college through Dr. Williard, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. David W. Ebbert. The report was received and adopted. The committee was instructed to have 150 copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod, which was accordingly done. The election of the several boards and of the delegates to corresponding bodies was made the order of the day for Monday morning at ten o'clock. At the time appointed the election was held. Revs. Richard B. Reichard, George H. Souder, James H. Steele and Alpheus E. Baichly were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets, and gathered and counted the ballots; and during the afternoon session on Monday, reported the result.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

During the afternoon session on Friday, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod in item 12, and in response thereto, the Standing Committee on Temperance presented the following paper, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Temperance respectfully report the following paper for adoption:

INASMUCH as all enlightened Christians are a unit in holding the liquor traffic to be an accursed stain upon the fair fame of our commonwealth; and its immunity from well deserved extermination a reflection upon the zeal of the church, and a menace to the souls and bodies of our youth; therefore,

Resolved, That we, members of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, place ourselves squarely on record as irreconcilably opposed to all dalliance with this monstrous evil; that we demand legislative measures contemplating its state and national suppression; that we spurn all suggestions of compromise; and that we pledge ourselves to conscientious and prayerful co-operation with the noble host of men and women engaged in this irrepressible conflict.

JOHN H. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

DELEGATE FROM AND TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner, delegate from the Central Synod, appeared in synod during the afternoon session on Thursday, and having presented his credentials, took his seat as a corresponding member. It was, on motion, decided that, as the order of the day, he address the synod immediately after the opening of t e morning ses ion on Friday.

At the appointed time he addressed the synod in a fraternal manner, referring to the existing relations and progress made, and cordially conveying the kind greeting of the body he represented.

The President of Synod briefly and appropriately responded, requesting him to bear the greeting of this synod with him to his synod.

The delegate (Rev. Geo. W. Henning) to the Central Synod, whose appointment was reported in item 13 of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—It was my privilege to attend a part of the sessions of the annual meeting of the Central Synod, which convened in New Philadelphia, Ohio, on September 12, 1888. Your delegate was cordially received by that synod and welcomed to a seat, and to take part in their deliberations. In a short address I conveyed to that Reverend Body the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the Ohio Synod, and assured them of our interest in their welfare and success in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. In response to which, the president, Rev. Dr. Ferdinand O. Zesch, in behalf of his synod, assured me that the same friendly feelings and Christian greetings were most heartily reciprocated by them, even more so than his knowledge of the English language would enable him to express. While in their midst, I was cordially entertained and treated with all Christian courtesy and brotherly kindness by the brethren of the Central Synod. And I have the pleasure of conveying back to you the fraternal greetings and kind regards of that Reverend Body, as well as their prayers for our success in promoting the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. HENNING.

The election of a delegate to next Central Synod, resulted in the choice of Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *secundus*.

presented the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations contained therein approved:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would report that they have excused from attendance on the sessions of synod the following members:

Ministers.—G. W. H. Smith, A. K. Zartman, Dr. G. W. Williard, N. W. Bloom, Dr. S. C. Goss, A. Gonser, J. P. Stahl, W. E. Ludwick, B. F. Davis, W. C. B. Shulenberger, R. F. Shultz, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. H. Rust, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, L. B. C. Lahr, J. A. Ketrow, J. A. Seitz, H. L. Hart, F. M. Shults and W. H. Shults.

Elders.—Jeremiah Dice, H. L. Crider, J. F. Kemp, G. W. Tussing, J. H. Grove, Simon Bricker, W. H. Bahl, J. T. Derr, R. Miller, V. P. Van Horne and J. Hiram Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. EBBERT, *Chairman.*

During the morning session on Thursday, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the synod, when it adjourns this afternoon, adjourn at three o'clock, with the view of visiting, in a body, the National Military Home in the vicinity of Dayton.

At the appointed time the synod adjourned and proceeded to said Home, viewing its objects of interest and enjoying a pleasant personal intercourse.

During the morning session on Saturday, Col. J. B. Thomas, Treasurer and Acting Governor of the National Military Home at Dayton, through the pastor *loci*, extended a cordial invitation to synod to attend the public services on next Sunday at said Home.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That, while the synod receives the invitation with thanks, it can not see its way clear to arrange for such attendance.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions of thanks were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That we as a synod hereby extend our hearty thanks to the pastor *loci* and members of the First Reformed congregation for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us, and made it so pleasant for us during our sojourn among them.

Resolved, That we, in high appreciation of the excellent music with which we were favored, also extend our thanks to the choir for the same.

Resolved, That we hereby make grateful acknowledgment to the several railroad companies for granting us reduced fare over their lines, and to the press for the publication of such full and satisfactory reports of the proceedings of synod.

The roll was called, in connection with the report of the excuses granted by the Committee on Leave of Absence, and there were found absent without permission or excuse the following members: *Ministers* E. M. Beck, W. H. Tussing, A. Hawker, J. V. Lerch, J. C. Schaaf, D. A. Parks, E. R. Williard, L. P. Gross; *Elders*—Joseph P. Burtner, John H. Weaver, George N. Whipp, Moses W. Sears, Irvin Yost, Edward Andre and Henry Swallen. The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in general convention in the Trinity Reformed Church at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 2, A. D., 1889, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday evening at nine o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction by the president. ALVIN S. ZERBE, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

ADDENDUM.

PROGRAMME OF INAUGURATION.

The inauguration of Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Professor of Dogmatic and Practical Theology, and of Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D., Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, in Heidelberg Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, located at Tiffin, Ohio, took place in the First Reformed Church at Dayton, Ohio, during the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod, on Sunday evening, October 7, A. D. 1888; and the order of services observed, as prepared by the Board of Trustees of the seminary with the approval of the synod, and conducted by Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, President of the Board, was as follows:

1. Invocation.
2. Scripture Lesson.
3. Hymn.
4. Prayer by Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.
5. Hymn.
6. Introductory Address and constitutional obligation by Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.
7. Charge to the Professors by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
8. Inaugural Addresses by Dr. Van Horne and Dr. Zerbe.
9. Doxology and Benediction.

(See Minutes, pages 43, 52 and 83.)

STATED CLERK.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
William A. Hale, D. D.	1st Church, Dayton	1	574		12	26	38	37	426	6		14	6	1	36	336		$709 00	$1,282	15	Dayton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey.	Xenia	1	189		2	4	5	7	160	4			3	1	20	160		321 75	1,300	10	Xenia, Ohio.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	312	112	16	5	18	9	280	3		12	3	1	27	297		259 72	1,500	16	Miamisburg, O.
Harvey L. Hart	West Alexandria	3	375		6	24	90	5	318	4			8	3	49	308		300 55	1,000	17	West Alexandria, O.
Vacant	Cæsar Creek	2	122	90					110					1				11 50		5	Xenia, O.
William H. Shults	Fairfield	3	402	60	6	4	8	5	307	6		2	4	3	44	310		165 00	1,115	25	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	419	96	2	18	21	20	220	8			2	5	80	462		40 00	1,950	30	North Hampton, O.
Vacant	Highland	2	154	47										2	16	125				5	Hillsboro, O.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	1	95	36	6	9	15	4	78	1		9	3	1	20	170		65 93	450	7	Hamilton, O.
Richard B. Reichard	Port Jefferson	3	180	55	4		3	1	130	5			2	3	32	204		116 00	650	15	Swander's Crossing, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	2	259	90	8	6	10	3	254	1		1	3	2	25	260	1	275 00	800	12	Farmersville, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly, Sup.	Winchester	1	28	7	1				25					1	6	80		12 00	75	1	Farmersville, O.
James T. Hale	Tremont City	3	200	105		19	25	10	175	6		1	2	3	40	300	1	140 00	750	16	Tremont City, O.
B. Frank Davis	Springboro	1	113	48	11	1	4	1	101	2			1	1	12	100		100 00	480	10	Springboro, O.
Edward M. Beck	Germantown	2	235	120	9		1	6	200	1			4	2	37	200		155 00	1,600	10	Germantown, O.
John Stuck	Pikeville	2	70	23	3	2	6	2	62	2		6		1	9	50		7 79	250	3	Greenville, O.
John Stuck, Sup.	Salem	2	36	13	2		2		35	1		1						6 91	120	2	Greenville, O.
William H. Tussing	Valley	3	293		9	8	16	13	257	1		4	6	3	38	252		330 00	900	10	Dayton, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	250		2	3	5	1	200	12		25	4	3	40	225		112 95	600	15	Arcanum, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver Creek	3	286	40	10	20	2	13	270	14		10	5	3	25	250		306 30	1,310	30	Alpha, O.
John A. Ketrow	New Pittsburgh	3	211	21	5	2	10		145	3			4	3	18	184		16 00	400	12	Salamonia, Ind.
Levi Rike, Sup	Zion's, (Elk Creek)	1	23	7					21					1		40		17 70	92	2	Heno, Butler Co., O.
William E. Ludwick	Greenville	3	125	47	3	3	6	12	69	5				2	23	140		52 00	626	4	Greenville, O.
David W. Ebbert	Trinity, Dayton	1	165	64	19	12	21	59	160	1				1	40	447		290 00	2,015	15	Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks, Sup	West Baltimore	1	35	10		1	5	4	35					1		100	1	5 46	100	4	Dayton, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	Without Charge																				Miamisburg, O.
Thomas H. Winters	Without Charge																				Xenia, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D	Ed. Christ. World																				Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks	Ed. Christ. World																				Dayton, O
Jesse Steiner	Without Charge																				Millerstown, O.
Adam Hawker	Without Charge																				Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chapl. N. Mil. Home																				Nat. Mil. Home, O.
Total, 27.		54	5,281	1091	136	167	311	212	4018	85		85	60	48	622	5030	3	$3,816 26	$20,380	291	

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
Geo. H. Leonard ...	Basil ...	2	509	100	23	3	12	8	420	7	..	14	5	2	47	329		$375	$ 900	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D ...	Delaware, Zion cong .	1	264	117	9	2	10	7	223	1		7	3	1	21	171	1	169	1,033	10	Delaware, O.
David M. Christman	Union	4	268	160	15	6	19	3	260	2	.	10	4	4	30	195	.	100	700	12	Baltimore, O.
John A. Seitz .	Stoutsville	3	225	101	10	1	7	1	151	2		10	8	3	35	170	1	176	519	7	Stoutsville, O.
Solomon W. Seeman	Thornville	3	218	70	15	15	36	37	200	2			4	3	36	225	4	352	6,400	7	Thornville, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr ...	Winchester	1	233	86	9	2	8	19	217	1		1	3	1	26	291	1	294	1,254	8	Canal Winchester, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	300	152	64	10	54	.	273	27		18	13	2	24	249	1	104	4,353	8	Lancaster, O.
James Heffley, Sup	North Union	1	40	.		.		.						1		15			200		Canal Winchester, O.
Peter D. Schory	Without charge																				Lancaster, O.
Henry Schrader, Sup	Jerusalem	3	158	12	11	12	13	2	107	8	1	14	4	3	20	114	1	28	274	5	Bremen, O.
James Heffly, Sup	Zion	3	108	55	8	3	15		108	5				3	10	75		48	400	5	Canal Winchester, O.
Without pastor	Glenford	3	245	90	8	.	8	..	209	6			6	3	35	186		237	704	7	
Without pastor	Kinnickinnick	2	115	41	5	1			106	2			1	2	29	135			398	4	
Total, 9.		28	2683	984	177	55	182	68	2274	63	1	104	51	28	313	2245	9	$1,884	$17,135	83	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate or Renewal.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-School Scholars.	Stud'ts Min'try	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS
Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	Trinity	1	252	48	4	9	19	4	240	5		4	1	28	240		$ 160	$ 987	10	Wadsworth, Ohio.
	Grace 1	1	608	198	46	21	54	25	408	8	20	7	1	43	518		317	2,523	12	Akron, Ohio.
Frederick Mayer	St. Peter's	1	160	34	1	4	11	2	118	1	2	3	1	15	110		66	750	7	Apple Creek, Ohio.
Rufus C. Zartman	English Reformed.	1	170	40	9	2	9	14	139	6		5	1	22	150		116	1,200	12	Akron, Ohio.
Emil P. Herbruck	Trinity	1	381	60	46	8	37	64	325			4	1	32	350		200	1,100	8	Canton, Ohio.
John L. Bretz	Salem	1	92	56	21	1	13	11	96	3	23	5	1	20	134		151	530	10	Canal Fulton, Ohio
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	278		7	13	36		260	4	2	4	4	52	367		150	800	17	Nimisilla, Ohio.
Jacob Ihle	Mohican	3	168	65	2	3	18		125	1	5	5	2	27	150		100	625	12	Mohican, Ohio.
	Navarre	4	205	136	18	12	25	15	175	8		5	4	55	290	1	244	640	18	Navarre, Ohio.
	Tuscarawas	4	266	80	1				225	4		1	3	35	250	1	86	125	17	Dalton, Ohio.
Jacob P. Stahl	Marshallville	2	213		8		2	7	125	3	19	4	2	25	129		150	474	10	Marshallville, O.
	Summit	2	69	1	3		2	1	65				2	15	85			185	10	Lake, Ohio.
William C. B. Shulenberger	Shelby	3	160	52	4	3	6	7	153	3		4	2	25	133		78	855	14	Shelby, Ohio.
Jonathan A. Novinger	Uniontown	3	170	80	15	6	17	3	160	1		15	2	35	233		61	800	14	Lake, Ohio.
John A. Danner	Loyal Oak	2	183	90	5			1	140		26	4	2	26	203		58	375	14	Loyal Oak, Ohio.
Reuben F. Shultz	Reedsburg	3	192	25	3	18	24	14	158	6		3	3	41	198		121	3331	16	Reedsburg, Ohio.
Albert Gonser 2	West Salem	4	250	38	4	2	3	24	232	2	10	6	4	42	260		1,503	670	17	Robertsville, Ohio.
	Canaan 3	2	110									2	2	18	95			110	8	Canaan, Ohio.
Joshua J. Excell	Without Charge.																			Cortland, Ohio.
Charles E. Miller	Licentiate.																			Massillon, Ohio.
Total, 14.		42	3927	1003	194	102	256	192	3084	56	107	80	38	556	3895	2	$ 3,475	$ 5,882	236	

1. Recently taken charge of by Rev. R. C. Zartman.
2. Recently resigned and accepted a call to the Robertsville Charge, E. O. Classis.
3. Served since September by Rev. L. P. Gross.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teacher.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.
Reuben Good	Prof. Heidelberg College																			1	Tiffin, Ohio.
L. H. Kefauver, D D.	First Ref., Tiffin	1	270	97	6	3	10	7	252	5		3	1	22	178	1	$ 164	$1,611	15	" "
H.H.W.Hibshman DD	Grace, "	1	194	80	7	7	7	9	174	3		3	1	19	191	2	160	1,250	15	" "
Samuel Shaw	Liberty Centre	3	113	48	15	1	1	4	100	1		2	2	25	160			510	13	Liberty Centre, Ohio.
Geo. W. Williard, DD	Pres. Heidelberg College																		1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D D	Prof. in Seminary																		3	" "
John I. Swander, D D	Fremont.	1	102	44	4			2	99	8			1	7	60		1,082	475	5	Fremont, Ohio.
Charles O. Knepper	Lic and Prof. Heid. Col																		1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph D.	Prof. Heid. Col. and Sem.																		1	" "
" " Supply	Bascom	1	65	40	4	4	13	1	60			2	1	12	86				6	" "
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	136	55	12	3	19	13	119	6	8	1	2	19	164	1	94	671	7	Fostoria, Ohio.
Isaac A. Sites	Ada	3	140	65	8	1	11	2	125	4		3	2	20	160		105	1,178	8	Ada, Ohio.
Joseph W. Barber	Paulding Mission	5	137	80	5	3	24	7	120		4	3	2	24	107		90	1,900	8	Payne, Ohio.
George A. House	Helena	2	113	50	5	4	16	12	94	2	9	4	2	21	150		100	700	5	Navarre, Ohio.
William A. Miller	Lindsey	2	106	48	6	1	1	16	86	2	8	4	2	15	150		35	895	8	Lindsey, Ohio.
John H. Buser	Fort Seneca.	3	120		5	3	11	4	100	4		2	3	32	203		50	1,400	4	Ft. Seneca, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams	Zions	2	260	130	10	4	22		140	8		6	2	15	170		120	500	10	Bellevue, Ohio.
David A. Parks	Bloomville	1	70	20	2			1	50	2		2	1	12	164		75	500	6	Bloomville, Ohio.
" " Supply	Salem Cong.	1	60		4	2	10	19	50	3			1	8	50			125	2	" "
Francis M. Shults.	Lima	3	76	10	3	4	6	4	62	2			3	17	124		20	208	5	Lima, Ohio.
Vacant.	Venice.	2	58										2						4	
George H. Souder	Bellevue	2	194	64	8	3	11	13	187	8		2	2	15	170		125	960	12	Bellevue, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard.	Prof. Heidelberg College																		1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Charles W. Good.	Without Charge.																		1	" "
Jesse Richards	" "																			Clearwater Har., Fla.
Augustus Konetzka.	" "																			Fostoria, Ohio.
David S. Caldwell	" "																		1	Nevada, Ohio.
David Van Horne, DD	Prof. in Seminary																		1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Total 24		35	2214	831	104	43	161	114	1818	58	29	37	30	283	2287	4	$2,220	$12883	144	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers Enr.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1	Grace Ref. Mission	1	186	66	15	16	15	4	134				2	1		113		$64 00	$1,275 00	6	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
William H. Xanders	Bluffton	3	196	136	14	5	18	12	146				4	3	26	214		140 00	900 00	13	Bluffton, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman	Zions	2	215	100	4	3	4	8	180	2		40	2	2	20	275		51 00	900 00	6	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
	Denver	3	160	47	2	3	6		70			2		1				22 00	230 00	7	Denver, Ind.
Luther P. Gross 2	Kentland Mission	2	60	48	6	1	1	3	45				1	2	25	80		25 00	300 00	4	Canaan, O.
John H. Albright	St. Paul Mission	2	119	30	2	4	12	3	95	1			1	1	34	157	1	55 00	375 00	5	Colon, Mich.
Israel Rothenberger	White Pigeon	2	88		2	11	14	5	75					2	16	110		3 00	750 00	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
	Neriah Mission	2	29		1							4		2	13	77		7 00	53 00	4	Monroe, Mich.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Marshall	6	208	74	5	1	9	6	196	7		17	5	4	60	332		71 00	500 00	18	Plymouth, Ind.
William A. From, (Sup.)	Bunkerhill	3	103			2	4		85	3			2	3	38	148		62 00	575 00	8	Pulaski, O.
John R. Skinner	Wakeshma	4	205	69	2	20	25	6	154	6		12	4	4	47	167		134 00	970 00	12	Fulton, Mich.
John M. Kessler	Mulberry	5	403	277	37	1	29	26	330	17		8	14	3	52	315	2	282 00	948 00	25	Mulberry, Ind.
Lewis B. Clayton	Union	2	72	45				1	60	3			5	2	20	130		17 00	18 00	12	Hudson, Ind.
Freeman Ware	Three Rivers	1	114	49		1	5	8	98	7		8	2	1	17	126		71 00	500 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
Freeman Ware, (Sup.)	Moore Park	1	33	13	5	1	3	2	27	3		3							10 00	2	Moore Park, Mich.
Jonathan C. Beade	Winamac	5	149	115	4	2	2	25	128	2			4	5	39	360		42 00	719 00	24	Winamac, Ind.
John V. Potts, (Sup.)	West Jefferson	1	8																	1	North Robinson, O.
Peter J. Spangler, (Sup.)	Sherwood	1	50		8	2	10	6	30											3	Farmer, O.
	Salem	1	66		17	12	26	9	65					1		90		14 00	250 00	4	Callingswood, Ind.
Daniel Kroh	Without Charge																			1	116 Ind. Ave., Toledo, O.
Elias Spangler	Without Charge																			1	Edgerton, O.
Anson L. Hassler	Without Charge																			1	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Theodore J. Bacher	Without Charge																			1	Notawa, Mich.
William G. Hackman	Without Charge																			1	Burr-Oak, Mich.
Total, 19.		47	2464	1069	124	85	183	124	1918	51		94	46	37	407	2694	3	$1,060 00	$9,273 00	167	

1. Grace Reformed Mission, Ft. Wayne, Ind., recently taken charge of by Rev. A. K. Zartman
2. Recently resigned and taken charge of Canaan Charge in Tuscarawas Classis.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	2	333	80	33	8	16	9	323	12		10	20	2	32	350		$290	$1,000	20	Louisville, Ohio.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	212	90	12	17	23	10	175	2			2	1	19	250	..	375	1,020	15	Columbiana, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber	New Lisbon	2	267	153	6	..	6	3	146	3			6	2	25	168	..	167	1,055	12	New Lisbon, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Canfield	4	339	115	3	2	6	3	270	8			8	3	31	250		215	890	22	Canfield, Ohio.
Vacant	Warren 1	3	167	66	6	1	5	5	135	1			2	2	15	70		109	925	12	
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	177	54	11	7	12	13	149	6		5		2	26	172		168	715	16	Germano, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	316	300	3	16	30	18	325	12		7	9	2	34	280		105	925	13	Carrollton, Ohio.
Vacant	Robertsville 2	3	406	121	22	1	6	14	330	2			9	2	24	250	1	194	830	25	Robertsville, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	Springfield	2	260	62	9	1	26	7	247	2			4	2	26	230		451	585	10	Petersburg, Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Strasburg	4	189	115	7	2	2		164				5	4	20	150	..	40	..	5	Alliance, Ohio.
Adolph J. Meyer 3	Mt. Olivet	2	295	120	9	1	1	3	268				6	2	22	170	..	118	564	13	North Lima, Ohio.
George W. Henning	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							..		..	..	..	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller	" "	..	..		..	..	..	..	..							..		..	..	..	Carrollton, Ohio.
Frank C. Witthoff	" "			..	..	..		..	..							..		..	..		Teegarden, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	" "	..	..	..	..	..			..							..		..	..		Harmony, Pa.
Total, 13.		27	2991	1306	121	59	133	85	2532	48		22	71	21	274	2340	1	$2,232	87,805	163	

1. Supplied by Rev. J. M. Kendig.
2. Served last year by Rev. Julius A. Toensmeier, and now served by Rev. Albert Gonser.
3. Died July 9, 1888, aged 27 years, 4 months and 25 days.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1888.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	27	54	5,181	1,091	136	167	311	212	4,048	85		85	60	48	635	5,030	2	$3,816	$20,905	294
Lancaster	1	9	28	2,683	984	177	55	182	68	2,274	63	1	104	51	28	313	2,245	9	1,884	17,135	83
Tuscarawas	1	14	42	3,927	1,003	194	102	256	192	3,084	56		107	80	38	556	3,895	2	3,475	5,882	236
Tiffin	1	24	35	2,214	831	104	43	161	114	1,818	58		29	37	30	283	2,287	4	2,220	12,883	144
Eastern Ohio	1	13	27	2,991	1,306	121	59	133	85	2,532	48		22	71	24	274	2,340	1	2,232	7,805	163
St. Joseph	1	19	47	2,464	1,069	124	85	183	124	1,918	51		94	46	37	407	2,694	3	1,060	9,273	167
Total	6	106	233	19,460	6,284	856	511	1,226	795	15,674	361	1	441	345	205	2,468	18,491	21	$14,687	$73,883	1,087

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1888.

SYNODS.																					
Synod in the U. S	11	226	465	80,651	47,463	5,791	461	4,061	1,796	66,919	1,010	9	801	2,636	553	....	55,975	98	$69,178	$379,933	
Synod of Ohio	6	106	233	19,460	6,284	856	511	1,226	795	15,674	361	1	441	345	205	2,468	18,491	21	14,687	73,883	
Synod of Northwest	10	114	190	16,747	12,539	1,528	23	837	669	11,130	164	14	215	389	165	....	8,838	22	11,641	71,693	
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	57	128	13,554	9,010	883	99	754	488	11,047	252		256	212	105	....	8,109	17	19,197	80,795	
Synod of the Potomac	10	144	297	31,681	19,400	1,919	252	1,547	773	25,570	502	5	185	786	269	....	22,966	47	36,727	123,768	
Ger. Synod of East	5	47	44	12,756	8,023	2,132	17	750	653	9,613	93		378	428	45	...	9,002	7	5,523	71,646	
Central Synod	4	80	116	16,842	10,861	1,216	53	968	607	13,032	227	17	430	409	106	...	10,232	34	12,530	82,331	
Synod of the Interior	4	39	62	2,653	1,619	135	58	199	167	2,123	64		57	39	50	...	2,670	4	1,767	16,456	
Grand Total. Synods, 8.	55	813	1535	194344	115,199	14,460	1,474	10,282	5,948	155108	2,673	46	2,763	5,244	1498	2,468	136,283	250	$171,250	$900,505	

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CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	27	54	5,181	1,091	136	167	311	212	4,048	85		85	60	48	635	5,030	2	$3,816	$20,905	294
Lancaster	1	9	28	2,683	984	177	55	182	68	2,274	63	1	104	51	28	313	2,245	9	1,884	17,135	83
Tuscarawas	1	14	42	3,927	1,003	194	102	256	192	3,084	56		107	80	38	556	3,895	2	3,475	5,882	236
Tiffin	1	24	35	2,214	831	104	43	161	114	1,818	58		29	37	30	283	2,287	4	2,220	12,883	144
Eastern Ohio	1	13	27	2,991	1,306	121	59	133	85	2,532	48		22	71	24	274	2,340	1	2,232	7,805	163
St. Joseph	1	19	47	2,464	1,069	124	85	183	124	1,918	51		94	46	37	407	2,694	3	1,060	9,273	167
Total	6	106	233	19,460	6,284	856	511	1,226	795	15,674	361	1	441	345	205	2,468	18,491	21	$14,687	$73,883	1,087

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1888.

SYNODS.																				
Synod in the U. S	11	226	465	80,651	47,463	5,791	461	4,061	1,796	66,919	1,010	9	801	2,636	553	.....	55,975	98	$69,178	$379,933
Synod of Ohio	6	106	233	19,460	6,284	856	511	1,226	795	15,674	361	1	441	345	205	2,468	18,491	21	14,687	73,883
Synod of Northwest	10	114	190	16,747	12,539	1,528	23	837	669	11,130	164	14	215	389	165	....	8,838	22	11,641	71,693
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	57	128	13,554	9,010	883	99	754	488	11,047	252		256	212	105	.....	8,109	17	19,197	80,795
Synod of the Potomac	10	144	297	31,681	19,400	1,919	252	1,547	773	25,570	502	5	185	786	269	....	22,966	47	36,727	123,768
Ger. Synod of East	5	47	44	12,756	8,023	2,132	17	750	653	9,613	93		378	428	45	...	9,002	7	5,523	71,646
Central Synod	4	80	116	16,842	10,861	1,216	53	908	607	13,032	227	17	430	409	106	...	10,232	34	12,530	82,331
Synod of the Interior	4	39	62	2,653	1,619	135	58	199	167	2,123	64		57	39	50	...	2,670	4	1,767	16,456
Grand Total. Synods, 8.	55	813	1585	194344	115,199	14,460	1,474	10,282	5,948	155108	2,673	46	2,763	5,244	1498	2,468	136,283	250	$171,250	$900,505

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in Trinity Reformed Church at Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the second day of October, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-nine, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in convention in Trinity Reformed Church of Canton, Ohio, on Wednesday evening, October 2, A. D., 1889, at 7:30 o'clock, and the opening sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D., from I. Thessalonians 5: 21: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

After the sermon the synod was constituted with prayer by Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, and proceeded to complete the roll and effect a permanent organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—William A. Hale, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, Henry M. Herman, D. D., Harvey L. Hart, Reuben F. Shultz (4), Richard B. Reichard, Alpheus E. Baichly, James H. Steele, William E. Ludwick, David W. Ebbert (2), Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Edward Herbruck, Ph.D. (2).

Elders.—Philip Frank Cost, Benjamin Meckley, Horace Ankeney.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John A. Seitz, Solomon W. Seeman, Eugene Calvin Rust (2).

Elder.—George Loucks.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rufus C. Zartman, Emil P. Herbruck, John L. Bretz (3), John C. Schaaf (4), Jacob Ihle (2), George A.

House (2), Frederick Mayer, Jacob P. Stahl, Jonathan A. Novinger, John A. Danner, John H. Beck, Joshua J. Excell, Edward M. Beck.

Elders.—Henry F. Rees, Jacob P. Zimmerman (2), Haman Bordner (4), Abraham Dickerhoof (2), Jacob Leifer (2), Peter Ault (2), Joseph Reinhart (2), Andrew Gleichman, J. R. Poorman, W. H. Mowery (2), Wm. H. Bahl (2).

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. (2), H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D. (2), Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D., John D. Neff, Isaac A. Sites, David A. Parks (2), Francis M. Shults, George H. Souder, Edwin R. Williard (3), David Van Horne, D. D. (2), Albert H. Zechiel.

Elders.—John T. Derr, Dennis Holtz (2), Henry Stoner, Andrew Smith, Joseph Zieber.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, John H. Bomberger, John M. Kendig, Reuben Keller, Nathan W. Bloom, Jacob B. Zumpe, George W. Henning, Isaiah S. Hahn, (4), Lewis M. Kerschner, Albert Gonser, William H. Shults.

Elders.—John Coy, Josiah Rohrbaugh, Jacob Simon, Leslie Gotshall, Hiram Sitler, Elias Williard, Martin Grove, Henry Swallen, Joseph Yeager.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Allen K. Zartman, William H. Xanders (2), Henry S. Gekeler, Israel Rothenberger, Samuel Shaw.

Elders.—Daniel W. Souder, Jacob Peiffer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.

From Wyoming Classis, Synod in U. S.—Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., and Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds.

From Schuylkill Classis, Synod in U. S.—Rev. Rufus W. Miller and Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew.

From Iowa Classis, Synod of Interior.—Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse.

From St. John's Classis, Central Synod.—Revs. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., Joseph A. Keller, D. D., Frederick Strassner, and John B. Rust.

From Union Classis, Japan.—Rev. Masayoshi Oshikawa.

From Tuscarawas Classis.—Licentiate Charles E. Miller.

NOTE.—The numbers attached to the names on the roll indicate the day when the members appeared and took their seats, who were not present at the opening of synod.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. David E. Platter, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. M. L. Kuhns, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. J. B. Wilson, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. J. E. Pounds, Disciple Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John M. Kendig, *President*, Canfield, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. William H. Shults, *Corresponding Secretary*, Leavittsburg, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first ten (10) pews in front of the chancel.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod were as follows:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—Emil P. Herbruck, Alpheus E. Baichly, John A. Seitz; Elders, Henry Swallen and John T. Derr.

Minutes of Synod.—Ministers—Dr. Wm. A. Hale, Sol. W. Seeman, Frederick Mayer; Elders, P. Frank Cost, J. R. Poorman.

Minutes of Classes.—Ministers—Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Edwin R. Williard and David A. Parks; Elders, George Loucks and Henry F. Rees.

Overtures.—Ministers—Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, John D. Neff, Reuben Keller; Elders, Daniel W. Souder and George Loucks.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. Henry M. Herman, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Dr. Sebastian C. Goss; Elders, Horace Minkeney and Daniel W. Souder.

State of Religion.—Ministers—Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, James H. Steele, John H. Bomberger; Elders, Josiah Rohrbaugh and Andrew Gleichman.

Missions—Home and Foreign.—Ministers—Samuel B. Yockey, John H. Beck, Wm. H. Shults; Elders, John T. Derr and Martin Grove.

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ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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Report and "Explanatory Statement" from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, were received through the secretary and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of the Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

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VII.

SERVICES.

t sessions, observed the following relig-

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F COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

ormed Church.—Wednesday evening, the opening sermon
. S. Zerbe. Thursday evening, Woman's Missionary Meeting.
evening, address by Rev. Masayoshi Oshikawa. Saturday even-
, preparatory service, sermon by Prof. E. R. Williard. Sunday
morning, communion, sermon by Dr. G. W. Williard. Sunday evening,
sermon by Dr. D. Van Horne.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.—Sunday morning, by Dr. W. A. Hale, and evening by Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning by Rev. S. B. Yockey, and evening by Rev. A. E. Baichly.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church.—Sunday morning by Rev. H. S. Gekeler, and evening by Rev. I. A. Sites.

English Lutheran Church.—Sunday evening by Rev. Dr. S. C. Goss.

First (German) Reformed Church.—Sunday morning by Rev. J. B. Zumpe.

Reformed Church, New Berlin.—Sunday morning by Rev. W. H. Xanders, and evening by Rev. J. D. Neff.

Reformed Church, Louisville.—Rev. Dr. H. M. Herman.

Reformed Church, Navarre.—Rev. H. L. Hart.

Reformed Church, Uniontown.—Rev. D. S. Fouse.

Grace Mission, Cleveland.—Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman.

Respectfully submitted,
EMIL P. HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Religious Services, instructed to arrange a program for the next annual meeting of synod, shall consist of Revs. William H. Xanders, Allen K. Zartman and Elder Frank D. Paulus.

Theological Seminary.—Ministers—John H. Bomberger, Henry S. Gekeler, Edward M. Beck; Elders, Jacob Simon and Henry Stoner.

Heidelberg College.—Ministers—John J. Leberman, Israel Rothenberger, Samuel Shaw; Elders, Henry Swallen and Andrew Smith.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Ministers—James H. Steele, William E. Ludwick, Jonathan A. Novinger; Elders, Joseph Zieber and Leslie Gotshall.

Publication.—Ministers—George W. Henning, Allen K. Zartman, John A. Danner; Elders, Hiram Sitler and Benjamin Meckley.

Finance.—Ministers—Francis M. Shults, George H. Souder, Harvey L. Hart; Elders, Elias Williard and Joseph Yeager.

Nominations.—Ministers—Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, Reuben Keller, Dr. Henry M. Herman; Elders, Horace Ankeney and John Coy.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received and respectively referred:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph had been referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod and of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, and of the treasurer of the former board, together with the reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. A Report and "Explanatory Statement" from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, were received through the secretary and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of the Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Some other communications and papers bearing on different subjects were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and action thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, namely:

1. The sessions of synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Trinity Reformed Church.—Wednesday evening, the opening sermon by Dr. A. S. Zerbe. Thursday evening, Woman's Missionary Meeting. Friday evening, address by Rev. Masayoshi Oshikawa. Saturday evening, preparatory service, sermon by Prof. E. R. Williard. Sunday morning, communion, sermon by Dr. G. W. Williard. Sunday evening, sermon by Dr. D. Van Horne.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.—Sunday morning, by Dr. W. A. Hale, and evening by Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning by Rev. S. B. Yockey, and evening by Rev. A. E. Baichly.

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Reformed Church, Uniontown.—Rev. D. S. Fouse.

Grace Mission, Cleveland.—Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman.

Respectfully submitted,

EMIL P. HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Religious Services, instructed to arrange a program for the next annual meeting of synod, shall consist of Revs. William H. Xanders, Allen K. Zartman and Elder Frank D. Paulus.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole:

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod have examined the printed minutes of the annual meeting. The following items claim the attention of this synod:

Item 1, page 18. The Standing Committee on Religious Services appointed to arrange a program for this meeting of synod. Rev. E. P. Herbruck, Chairman.

Item 2, page 23. The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes appointed to report to this synod. Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Chairman.

Item 3, page 39. Has reference to the transferring of our missions to the General Synod's Board of Missions, and to the appointment of a General Missionary Superintendent.

Item 4, page 41. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay to the Treasurer of the Church Erection Board $150.

Item 5, page 52. Has reference to the election of the President of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, by the Board of Trustees.

Item 6, page 53. Refers to the notification of Elder Horace Ankeney of his election as Financial Agent of Theological Seminary.

Item 7, page 56. A committee is appointed to examine the records, papers, accounts and moneys in the hands of the Treasurer, and to transfer them to the new Treasurer. Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., Chairman.

Item 8, page 57. A committee to prepare a constitution, by-laws and rules for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and to define the relation, functions and duties of Synod's Boards. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Chairman.

Item 9, page 62. The Treasurer of Heidelberg College is instructed to submit an annual report.

Item 10, page 71. Has reference to the disposition of the chart on exhibition at the Columbus Centennial.

Item 11, page 74. Refers to the annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools to the synod.

Item 12, page 80. A committee is appointed to define the east and south boundary lines of St. Joseph and Tiffin Classes. Dr. G. W. Williard, Chairman.

Item 13, page 83. Stated Clerk is instructed to have copies of Minutes of Synod published.

Item 14, page 83. Has reference to the publication of 1,000 copies of the inaugural addresses of the Theological Professors. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Chairman.

Item 15, page 85. Refers to the notification of certain classes of the Synod of the Interior of their delinquencies.

Item 16, page 87. A delegate is elected to the Central Synod. Dr. H. Rust, *primarius*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HALE.
S. W. SEEMAN,
F. MAYER,
Committee.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 15 were adopted; items 7 and 8 were adopted, and for reports therein see Article XIV, Theological Seminary; for action in item 12 see Article XX, Church Government; in items 13 and 14, reported, attended to according to instructions of synod; for report in item 16 and action thereon see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your committee on Minutes of Classes report the following items:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Tuscarawas Classis fails to state in what place it will hold the next annual sessions in Marshallville, Ohio.

2. Tuscarawas Classis does not say in what year, A. D., it will hold its next annual meeting.

3. St. Joseph Classis does not say whether the printed minutes sent to synod are an official copy.

4. St. Joseph Classis transacted business without a constitutional number of elders present at a special meeting held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, August 28, 1889.

5. The report of the Committee on Overtures appears in the Minutes of the Classis of Tiffin, without the signature of the committee.

6. Lancaster Classis fails to name the place in which the annual sessions will be held in Thornville, Ohio, 1890.

7. Eastern Ohio Classis fails to name the place in which it will hold its annual sessions in Austintown, Mahoning Co., Ohio.

8. Miami Classis fails to state the place in which it will hold its next annual sessions in Greenville, Ohio, in 1890.

II. REQUESTS FROM CLASSES TO SYNOD.

9. Tuscarawas Classis overtures synod to so define, or, if need be, reconstruct boundaries so as to include the Grace Reformed Church of Cleveland, within the bounds of Tuscarawas Classis.

10. St. Joseph Classis asks synod to sanction the transaction of business at a special meeting of classis held in Ft. Wayne, with but one elder present. "Resolved that owing to the general character of the business coming before classis, that we attend to it, and ask synod to ratify our action."

11. Overture to the Board of Church Erection from Tiffin Classis to appropriate, if at all within their power, at least $200, for the purpose of aiding in building a chapel in Highland Addition in the city of Tiffin, O.

12. Eastern Ohio Classis overtures synod to strike out the column headed "number of scholars over sixteen years of age" in the Sunday-school statistical report.

13. Miami Classis overtures synod to set apart at least $500 annually to the Society for the Relief of disabled Ministers and the Widows of deceased Ministers as a permanent fund.

III. SUBJECTS REFERRED FROM SYNOD TO CLASSES.

14. Tuscarawas Classis adopts all of synod's requests.

15. Tuscarawas Classis organized a Woman's Classical Missionary Society.

16. St. Joseph Classis adopts all of the requests of synod.

17. Lancaster Classis reports that the collection for the seminary was attended to in part.

18. Lancaster Classis reports that the request of synod in regard to Foreign Missionary service was attended in part.

19. Lancaster Classis adopts all the other items of synod.

20. Eastern Ohio Classis adopts all the items referred to the same by synod.

21. Tiffin Classis adopts all of the requests of synod.

22. Miami Classis adopts all the requests of synod and took such action as was required.

23. St. Joseph Classis organized a Woman's Classical Missionary Society.

24. Eastern Ohio Classis organized a Woman's Classical Missionary Society.

IV. APPEALS.

25. Rev. James T. Hale appeals from the action of Miami Classis, taken at a special meeting held in Tremont City, O., July 29, 1889, deposing him from the office of the holy ministry.

26. Miami Classis appointed Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., S. B. Yockey, and R. B. Reichard as counsel to defend its action in deposing Rev. James T. Hale before the Ohio Synod.

V. LICENSURE, ORDINATION, RECEPTION AND DISMISSION.

27. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. John H. Beck from St. John's Classis, Rev. L. P. Gross from St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. C. Klar, from St. John's Classis, Rev. E. M. Beck from Miami Classis: and dismissed Rev. R. F. Shultz to Miami Classis and Rev. A. Gonser to Eastern Ohio Classis.

28. St. Joseph Classis examined and licensed A. H. Zechiel, a graduate of Heidelberg College and Seminary and Wm. H. Mawherter. Ordained licentiate W. H. Mawherter. Received Rev. W. A. From from Iowa Classis, Interior synod. Rev. S. Shaw from Tiffin Classis and Rev. H. S. Gekeler from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod. Dismissed licentiate A. H. Zechiel to Tiffin Classis, Rev. L. P. Gross to Tuscarawas Classis and Rev. A. L. Hassler to Muncie Presbytery.

29. Tiffin Classis licensed Henry L. Beam a graduate of Heidelberg College and Seminary. Received Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. F. B. Hahn from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Licentiate A. H. Zechiel from St. Joseph Classis: Dismissed Rev. G. A. House to Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. Jesse Richards to North Carolina Classis, Rev. E. Garver Williams to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, Rev. S. Shaw to St. Joseph Classis and Rev. J. H. Buser to Iowa Classis, Interior Synod.

30. Lancaster Classis licensed and ordained E. Calvin Rust, graduate of Ursinus Theological Seminary, received Rev. S. L. Runkel from Illinois Classis, Interior Synod; dismissed Rev. D. M. Christman to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

31. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. L. M. Kerschner from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, Rev. Albert Gonser from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. W. H. Shults from Miami Classis; dismissed Rev. F. C. Witthoff to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

32. Miami Classis ordained licentiate William H. Tussing, received R. F. Shultz, from Tuscarawas Classis; dismissed Rev. E. M. Beck to Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. Wm. M. Shults to Eastern Ohio Classis; and deposed from the ministry, Rev. J. T. Hale.

NECROLOGY.

33. St. Joseph Classis reports the death of Rev. William G. Hackman, Burr Oak, Michigan.

34. Eastern Ohio Classis reports the death of Rev. Adolph J. Meyer North Lima, Ohio.

35. Miami Classis reports the death of Rev. Thomas H. Winters of Xenia, Ohio.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

36. Miami Classis will meet in annual session in Greenville, Darke Co., O., on the first Thursday evening after full moon in April, 1890, at

7.30 P. M., Rev. D. W. Ebbert, President, Rev. Dr. H. M. Herman, Stated Clerk and Rev. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Treasurer.

37. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Marshallville, O., on the first Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, before first full moon after Easter, April 6th. Rev. Frederick Mayer, President, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, Stated Clerk and Elder Ephraim K. Kremer, Treasurer.

38. St. Joseph Classis will meet in annual session in Goshen, Ind., April 25th, 1890, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. Israel Rothenberger, President, Rev. J. R. Skinner, Stated Clerk and Rev. William H. Xanders, Treasurer.

39. Tiffin Classis will meet in annual session in the Reformed Church, Ada, O., Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock, May 15th, 1890, Rev. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, President, Rev. J. D. Neff, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

40. Lancaster Classis will meet in annual session in Thornville, O., on the first Thursday on or before full moon in the month of May, A. D., 1890, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. A. Seitz, President, Rev. G. H. Leonard Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

41. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in annual session in Austintown, Mahoning Co., O., on Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock, April 16, A. D., 1890, Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, President, Rev. G. W. Henning, Stated Clerk and Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41; for action in items 4, 9 and 10, see Article XX, Church Government; item 11 was adopted, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Church Erection; item 12 was adopted, and, on motion, the attention of Eastern Ohio Classis is directed to the action of synod in 1887, Minutes page 84; for action in items 25 and 26, see Article XVIII, Appeals and References; items 33, 34 and 35 were adopted, and, on motion, referred to the Standing Committee on the State of Religion.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed by the president to report on said Minutes to the synod at its next annual meeting, consists of Revs. David W. Ebbert, Michael Loucks and Elder Horace Ankeney.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, presented their report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Overtures would respectfully present the following items for your consideration:

1. An appeal of Mr. James T. Hale from certain actions of Miami Classis, according to which said Classis found him guilty in several charges and deposed him from the gospel ministry.

2. Is a request of Rev. J. Stuck for synod to excuse his absence on account of delays in settling in a new pastoral charge.

3. A request of Rev. Henry Schrader for his credentials to be returned to him.

4. Is a communication from the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, calling the attention of synod to the relation the brotherhood sustains to the church and the object and workings of the same.

5. Is a financial statement of Rev. Simon S. Miller, treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and a request for our prayers and alms in behalf of that organization.

6. Is the annual report of W. E. Schmertz, President of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphan Home, containing a prayer for a continuance of our sympathy, prayers and aid for the Home.

7. (*a*) Is a report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. (*b*) An explanatory statement by the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

8. A request of Rev. J. J. M. Gruber to be excused for his absence from synod on account of the recent affliction in the death of his wife.

9. A request of Dr. J. Vogt to be excused for his absence from the meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted and for action thereon, see Article XVIII, Appeals and References; items 2 and 6 were adopted; for action in item 3 see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous; for action in items 4 and 5 see Article XVI, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 7, *a* and *b*, was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; item 8 was adopted and request granted, and the corresponding secretary instructed to convey Synod's expression of sympathy to Rev. Gruber in his affliction; item 9 was adopted and request granted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Examination would report as follows:

There having been no candidates presented to your committee for examination, your committee would report its duties attended to as far as could be under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion.

Through the favor of God, our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble as a Synod, to review the labors of the past year, to take counsel for the future, to give expression to the demands of the Church and to devise means for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

An examination of the classical reports and conclusions drawn from the discussions on the floor of this Synod, as well as other sources of information, yield altogether promising results, as they show a steady increase in our membership, encouraging attendance upon the preaching of the word, zeal in the prosecution of the work of the Sabbath-school, and the proper valuation of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Evidences are not wanting that by the operation of the Holy Ghost and through an increased Reformed consciousness, the work of grace is going forward in our midst, bringing to light the true power of godliness and glorifying the work and church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We may adopt the language of one of the classical reports: "The year has been one of progress, we humbly believe, statistically and spiritually, and our hearts gratefully recognize the loving-kindness of him who has graciously blessed our efforts; over-ruled our errors, and counteracted the influence of our negligence." The reports speak with scarcely any exception of the fidelity of our ministers in discharging their appointed duties in preaching the gospel, baptizing the infants and administering the Lord's Supper. The attendance of the people upon the ordinances of the Church has been good and yet we must deplore that according to some of the reports many of our people do not regularly attend the services of the sanctuary. They seem to be influenced to a greater or less extent by the evil tendency of the times, current in some quarters, of lightly estimating the services and ministrations of the Church. Perhaps the consciousness that Sabbath should be not merely a day of cessation from toil, but a season of spiritual refreshing and a means of grace through the preached word, is not as deep and far-reaching as

would be desired. The state of the Church in this respect, while comparing favorably with that of other religious bodies, is nevertheless a matter of grave import and should direct our attention to the value and need of an earnest and evangelical proclamation of the Gospel.

It is a noteworthy fact that several of the classical reports on the state of religion refer to the use of the Heidelberg Catechism. One of them says: "That which perhaps is to be most lamented, as indicated in the reports, is the growing disuse of the Catechism in the instruction of the youth—that persistent, and more and more widespread departure from the venerated and historic customs and usuages of the Reformed Church on the part of some of the pastors and people of the different charges of classes who should conform to these hallowed customs and requirements." Another says: "A single charge is reported as still practically opposed to the regular catechisation of the children." A third says: "There appears to be among the ministry a most hearty regard and love for our venerable and imititable Symbol of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism." It is not within our province to enter into a discussion concerning the use of the Catechism, but simply to direct attention to the state of the Synod in this matter and to indicate the direction in which we may perhaps be drifting. As some of the reports speak in general terms of this part of our work, while others are silent, we are not able to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion with respect to the direct use of the Catechism. Doubtless it is used more extensively than would appear from the several reports of classes, and yet there is a lack of uniformity.

The various benevolent, missionary and educational boards of the Synod, though not enjoying the very highest degree of prosperity, have been very successfully and judiciously managed, and may be said to be in a promising condition. In many parts of the Synod the movement toward the formation of Woman's Missionary Societies is meeting with great favor and has already led to very encouraging results. This important phase of our work should be encouraged and agitated until every congregation in the Synod has formed such a society and engages with spirit in this great cause. When we consider that Christian women exert a marvelous influence for good and are in many instances more active and devoted workers than men, the Church should give them every opportunity to use their varied talents in the spread of Christian truth.

It is furthermore a source of great rejoicing that the number of those offering themselves for the gospel ministry is steadily increasing. And yet the number will not for many years be commensurate with our wants. Every pastor within the bounds of the Synod should consider it his duty to search out pious, intelligent and capable young men and direct their attention to the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ as the highest and most noble of all callings. When we reflect that it is largely from the ranks of the young men of the Church that the ministry is to be replenished, it should be our constant aim to devise large and liberal things

for their maintenance and instruction in the Reformed faith. In the language of one of the classical reports: "The demands for an educated and consecrated ministry were never greater than at the present time. The dawn of the twentieth Christian century is already breaking in the East. Let our people exclaim, as they greet our young and rising ministry: 'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!'"

Comparing the statistics of this year with those of last year we find a slight decrease of 194 in infant baptism, of 2 in Sunday-schools, of 99 in additions and of $1,974.00 for benevolent purposes; but an increase of 5 ministers, 11 congregations, 280 members, 40 adult baptisms, 278 Sunday-school scholars, and of 7 students for the ministry. Whether the spiritual growth and development have varied in the same degree of light and shade we are of course not able to determine accurately.

Two of our ministerial number have been called to the realities of another world, the Rev. Thomas H. Winters, of Miami Classis, and the Rev. William G. Hackman, of St. Joseph Classis. In the departure of these fathers in Israel we are reminded that one by one the pioneers of our Church in the West are passing to their reward.

Thus there has been prosperity and adversity; gain and loss; success and failure; rejoicing and sorrow. Yet we humbly trust that there has been a growth in grace and a steady advance in our great work. With deep gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His efficient presence in the part, and in humble supplication for his continued presence in the future we submit this report. ALVIN S. ZERBE, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers on the subject of missions were received, duly considered, and also adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

Your Board begs leave to report as follows:

In obedience to the action of your body, based on the previous action of General Synod, the missions under our care have been formally transferred to the Board of General Synod,—the transfer being consummated on the first of last April. Since that time all our missionaries have reported directly to that body instead of to your Board as prior to that date.

For a statement of the standing, &c., of the missions, we accordingly refer you to the report of the Executive Committee of said Board, which will be presented for your consideration at this meeting.

It is known to you that the conditions of the transfer require us to pay all arrearages to our missionaries up to the date of transfer.

The board has put forth more than ordinary efforts to secure the desired end, by special contributions, during the now ended synodical year.

We regret to have to report an unpaid balance of $———, and request this body to take such measures as will speedily secure the payment of the salary of these self-sacrificing men.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,

President Board of Home Missions.

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2. Report of Board of Home Missions of General Synod.

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: At a session of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, held in this city October 1st, and 2d, 1889, the president was directed to present to your reverend body, a report of the work of the General Board since April 1st, 1889, at which date the missions recently under your immediate care were transferred to the care and supervision of our Board.

At a session of our Board held at Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1888, the action taken by the Ohio Synod at Dayton, O., in October 1888, formally committing its missionary work to our care and supervision, was presented to our consideration and after prayerful deliberation your tender was accepted, the transfer to go into effect from and after April 1st, 1889.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of our Board held at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 26th, 1889, the formal transfer from the Board of your synod to our Board was effected, the only condition expressed in this transfer being that the past indebtedness of the Ohio Synod's Board be paid by its own treasurer from the funds raised for that purpose. The following missions constitute the list made in the transfer, with the names of the respective missionaries and their appropriations at present, to wit:

MISSION.	MISSIONARY.	APPROPRIATION.
Damascus, Ill	Rev. Jos. Sechler	$150 00
Paulding, O	Rev. J. W. Barber	200 00
Greenville, O	Rev. W. E. Ludwick	200 00
Ft. Wayne, Ind	Rev. A. K. Zartman	400 00
Altamont, Ill	Rev. J. Wolbach	300 00
Lyons, Kans	Rev. A. Casselman	600 00
Wathena, Kans	Rev. F. H. Keller	250 00
Colon, Mich	Rev. J. H. Albright	125 00
Ada, O	Rev. I. A. Sites	200 00
Lima, O	Rev. F. M. Shults	450 00
Redfield, Dak	Rev. F. W. Stump	400 00
Warren, O	Rev. W. H. Shults	200 00
Liberty Centre, O	Vacant	
Kentland, Ind	Vacant	
Neriah, Mich	Vacant	

At both quarterly meetings of our Executive Committee, held since the above transfer was made, the above named missionaries have regularly reported to us the state and condition of their respective fields. In the main, the work is in a flourishing condition with good prospects for growth in the future. Owing to the limited time we have had in which to prepare this report, we have not been able to present to you a report of each mission in detail, such as you have heretofore been accustomed to receive, but in the future we expect to have the work so well in hand as to continue this good feature of presentation. We hope, in the circumstances, you will pardon the omission.

In December last, our Board commissioned Rev. F. B. Hahn to begin the work of an English mission in the city of Cleveland, O., with an appropriation of $1,150, of which $650, was to be furnished by your Board, the balance by the Tri-Synodic Board of the East and special contributions privately given. An organization of a church was accomplished in March last, under very favorable auspices. After laboring in the field effectively for six months, Rev. Mr. Hahn, with the consent of our Board, retired from the work, his resignation going into effect with September 1st, last. We expect at an early day to have this vacant pastorate filled, and would ask the continued prayers, sympathy and financial support of your reverend body in behalf of this important field within your synodical territory.

New fields in the West have been brought to our attention, which seem to present to our church, open doors for effective missionary work. The only obstacle which has stood in the way of our entering in and taking possession of every inviting field, has been the lack of funds. At our recent meeting, however, we have taken steps to occupy two additional points, to wit: Baker, Kansas, and Lincoln, Nebraska. With aid promised by the Tri-Synodic Board, for the former point, $100, and for the latter, $600, we would respectfully ask your body to supplement these amounts with $100, and $400, respectively, so as to enable us to occupy these fields with efficient missionaries at an early day.

Besides these, we are holding other very important fields in the West under advisement, which we have not been able to occupy, simply for the reason mentioned above, viz: lack of means. Chief among these are Columbus, O., Indianapolis and Plymouth, Ind., which are represented to us as ripe for the harvest. We trust the church may soon come to our help so that we may be able to go in and possess the land.

In accordance both with the instruction of the last General Synod and the recommendation of your reverend body at its last session, we have elected a General Missionary Superintendent, Rev. D. S. Fouse, of Iowa, who has entered upon the duties of his office Oct. 1, 1889. His labors for the coming year will be largely confined to your territory. We would therefore, ask for him your sympathy, your prayers, and a cordial welcome into all your charges and churches. With your sym-

pathy and co-operation, we feel assured that his labors will not be in vain in the Lord.

At our session at Pittsburgh, Pa., in March last, the following action, bearing upon the work, was taken which we would herewith respectfully bring to your attention, to wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod is respectfully requested to keep up its organization and unite with this Board in the effort of raising the necessary funds for the support of the missions now brought under the supervision of this Board, and to counsel and advise this Board in anything that may lead to a successful management and prosperous advancement of the cause of missions.

Resolved, That District Synods' Boards that bring their missionary operations under the supervision of General Synod's Board before the next regular session of General Synod are requested to refer all matters in regard to starting new missions within the bounds of their synod to this Board. Openings that may come under their observation as proper fields for missionary operations of our church should be referred by the district Board to the General Board which shall have final authority in the matter.

Our Treasurer, Charles Santee, under date of the 30th, ult., reports the finances encouraging, having about $1,800, in the treasury. This will pay all our missionaries and other incidental expenses up to this date, and leave about $700, as a balance. Orders have accordingly been issued by us on this basis, which leaves us free of debt at this writing. Our Board congratulates your reverend body on your increased contributions to this work during the past year, which will appear more particularly in the report of the treasurer of your Board hereunto attached.

For the work during the coming year, according to the plans we have already projected, as far as we are able to foresee, at the minimum figures, we will need $6,500. To provide for any unforseen contingency we would therefore, respectfully request your reverend body to provide for $7,000 as your quota for this very important and sacred work.

In conclusion we congratulate this synod in being the pioneer in unifying the Home Mission work under the care and supervision of our Board, as directed by the General Synod. You have gone forward in faith. We as a Board have endeavored by God's help to be faithful to the trust you have committed to our hands. For the coming year we ask your continued prayers and co-operation, and with the Divine blessing we feel assured that the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be more and more established and extended.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS,

President of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States from October 9, 1888, to October 2, 1889.*

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October 9, 1888, cash on had	$153 50	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	930 77	
Tuscarawas Classis, E. K. Kremer	1,248 30	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. D. Neff	421 82	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard	621 25	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn	475 44	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. W. H. Xanders	272 52	
Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. J. Sechler	52 25	
Mr. R. O. Ellis	4 25	
Mr. John A. Keller	5 00	
Rev. A. Casselman	15 58	
Rev. P. D. Schory	10 00	
Rev. R. C. Zartman	9 00	
Tressler family	5 00	
Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Williard, D. D., L.L.D	5 00	
Daniel Keen & Bro	4 00	
Special debt fund	1,044 05	
		$5,277 73

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Rev. F. M. Shults	$273 86	
Rev. A. Casselman	361 96	
Rev. J. W. Barber	169 83	
Rev. D. W. Ebbert	309 67	
Rev. R. C. Zartman	4 30	
Rev. S. Shaw	64 63	
Rev. J. H. Albright	154 43	
Rev. I. A. Sites	331 40	
Rev. F. W. Stump	175 00	
Rev. J. Sechler	120 08	
Rev. A. K. Zartman	167 26	
Rev. W. E. Ludwick	128 50	
Rev. J. Wolbach	214 96	
Rev. J. H. Bomberger	7 65	
Rev. J. M. Kendig	5 20	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	4 60	
Rev. W. H. Mawherter	7 52	
Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D	50	
Postage, exchange and stationery	20 15	
Chas. Santee, Treasurer General Synod's Board	2,423 42	
Cash on hand	7 18	
		$5,277 73*

ARREARAGES

Of Ohio Synod's Board for services rendered prior to April 1, 1889.

Rev. F. M. Shults	$206 90
Rev. W. E. Ludwick	1 93
Rev. J. Wolbach	42 94
Carried forward	$251 77

*Here is an error in the footing of $325.68, as the actual amount is only $4,952.10. This may have been caused by an omission in transcribing the report from the treasurer's book. *Stated Clerk.*

Amount brought forward	$251 77	
Rev. F. W. Stump	358 00	
Rev. F. H. Keller	50 14	
Rev. J. H. Albright	3 25	
Rev. D. W. Ebbert	19 26	
Rev. J. W. Barber	244 33	
Rev. A. Casselman	254 15	
Rev. A. K. Zartman	207 74	
		$1,388 64

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

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4. Report of Board of Church Erection.

DEAR BRETHREN:—That the Board of Church Erection is a medium through which the cause of home missions can be very much aided can no longer be questioned. The Christian denominations that are most aggressive in planting churches do also sustain their Church Erection Boards heartily and liberally. It is to be regretted that we do not appreciate this arm of church service as it deserves and as we hope it will be in the near future.

We would emphasize the fact that missionary work can be most successfully prosecuted through the agency of your Church Erection Board. It is true the board could not accomplish much during its past history for the simple reason that it was circumscribed in its operations for want of financial means. This limitation is largely due to the fact that our synod did not and does not bring this cause more prominently before the people as one of greatest importance. We should emphasize this cause as of great moment and as an agency through which mission enterprises can be greatly assisted to become speedily self-sustaining.

Nevertheless the limited means your board had in hand during the past year, the result of its management is very satisfactorv and encouraging. The treasurer's report will show that the old debt is being reduced. The college claim with accrued interest is now entirely cancelled. The other indebtedness of the board is also reduced to about $1,200. The interest of this debt is promptly paid. Your board endeavored to manage its business strictly from a business standpoint; and if the synod gives the support required this coming year we will be prepared to come to the help of the Board of Missions to help struggling mission congregations in securing places of worship. To do this our indebtedness must be liquidated. This is of paramount importance to the whole church. We can no longer afford to be inefficient for the want of funds. Our Reformed Zion has a great work to do in the rapidly developing cities of our land and nation. For us the field is ripe. We must increase our activity. The times require it, or the land will not be possessed by us as a people.

We call the attention of the synod to the expiration of the term of service of Prof. E. R. Williard and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

We also recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the classes urge their pastors to preach upon the subject of Church Erection during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That pastors and consistories be requested to devise such plans as they may deem best to secure the amounts required to pay promptly the apportionments for this cause and forward the same to the treasurer to enable him to stop the payment of interest.

Resolved, That we recommend to missionary societies of our congregations to diffuse knowledge among its members relative to the cause of Church Erection.

Resolved, That we apportion the amount of $1,500 for Church Erection work. And whereas synod referred the overture of Tiffin Classis for aid to build a chapel in Highland Addition of Tiffin City; therefore,

Resolved, That the request of Tiffin Classis for $200 to aid the young men of the Christian Association of Heidelberg College to build a chapel in Highland Addition of Tiffin, is granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

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5. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. E. R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 2, 1889.

1888.				
Nov.	8.	To cash from A. H. Baughman, balance in the treasury of the board:		
		General Church Erection Fund	$630 90	
		Progressive Church Erection Fund	94 44	
				$725 34
Nov.	8.	To cash from Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Treas. Ohio Synod	$150 00	
"	17.	To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis	13 33	
"	19.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	5 13	
1889.				
Feb.	12.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	18 56	
Mar.	4.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	20 39	
"	4.	To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis	19 92	
"	11.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	11 64	
Apr.	6.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Classis	10 48	
"	13.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	23 32	
May	7.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Classis	23 83	
"	8.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Classis	23 31	
"	8.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	9 86	
"	15.	To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis	27 23	
"	15.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Classis	28 11	
"	15.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis	10 87	
Collection in Reformed Church, Bellevue, O., for Progressive Fund			13 50	
June	17.	To cash from E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tuscarawa sClassis.	142 07	
Sept.	19.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Classis	3 57	
"	19.	To cash from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis	10 84	
Oct.	1.	To cash from Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. Eastern Ohio Classis	23 65	
		Total receipts		$1,314 95

Moneys paid out for synodical year ending October 2, 1889.

1888.				
Nov.	8.	To John Castanian, interest in full to November 1	$18 00	
"	8.	To John Castanian, on principal of note	100 00	
"	8.	To Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Treasurer of Heidelberg College, interest on note	57 75	
"	8.	To Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Treasurer of Heidelberg College, on principal of note	650 00	
"	8.	To Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., traveling expenses	5 30	
"	8.	To Rev. E. R. Williard, traveling expenses	5 30	
1889.				
Jan.	13.	To Mrs. E. M. Sandoe, interest in full to date on note	60 00	
Apr.	16.	To Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Treasurer of Heidelberg College, on principal of note	100 00	
May	16.	To Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Treasurer of Heidelberg College, interest and principal of note in full	167 70	
"	29.	To additional insurance upon the English Ref. Ch., Lima, O.	4 85	
June	20.	To Rev. W. H. Shults, traveling expenses	5 90	
"	20.	To Rev. J. H. Steele, traveling expenses	6 30	
"	20.	To A. H. Baughman, traveling expenses	6 30	
				$1,187 40
Balance in hands of treasurer				127 55
				$1,314 95

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer.*

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6. *Report of Board of Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—God's gracious work of sowing and reaping continues in Japan. The growth of the work there has been simply marvelous. The summary of our own Mission for the past year shows a steady increase in the number of converts and in the offerings for benevolence.

The Board realizes the solemnity of the hour and feels the need of entire consecration to the service of the Lord, if His work is to be done, with credit to ourselves, with justice to the Japanese and with the honor due His name.

Our Mission is no longer an experiment; it is a success. Our missionaries occupy an important place in the missionary operations of Japan, and they enjoy the full confidence of the best people of Sendai. It is therefore of the highest importance that they should be sustained not only by the prayers, but also by the contributions of our people. The extraordinary expenses incurred last (fiscal) year, in the erection of the Girls' School building, and two dwelling houses on our property in Sendai, have been met, but these have depleted our treasury and for the first time *in our history*, we have been unable to transmit the amount due them for their salary.

This failure to meet our obligations, makes apparent, the necessity of taking immediate measures to replenish the treasury.

Since my last report to Reverend Body, a number of changes have taken place in our foreign missionary work, which are set forth at length in the accompanying letter to the pastors and members of the Church. From it, the Reverend synod will also gather the following facts which merit favorable action.

The Board is anxious to send a suitable *teacher* for the Training School and also a lady of broad and liberal culture for the Girls' School, as soon as the contributions of the Church will warrant it. Men, who have made the work of Missions in Japan a careful study, are agreed, that the triumph of the Gospel there depends upon the preaching of the Gospel by the *native* converts.

It is plain therefore that "the work of training young men for the ministry is far the most fruitful and permanent method of doing missionary work in Japan. A good native minister can preach more eloquently and make more converts than almost any one of the foreign missionaries; he preaches in his mother tongue, understands his own people better, becomes more intimate with them, and has more influence over them. All this, however, presupposes the direct personal contact of the native evangelist with the foreign missionary. By training native young men, the missionary multiplies himself manifold. He makes *convert-makers*; and if he can make twelve efficient convert-makers, he does better than if he would make a hundred converts."

In view of these indisputable facts, the Church should promptly furnish the Five Thousand Dollars necessary for the New Training School Building. It is an urgent need that the erection of the Seminary building begin early in 1890, the time of the formal adoption of the new constitution of Japan. Upon the Church at home devolves the solemn responsibility to extend the usefulness of this very important department of Christian work. Let it be the subject of much fervent prayer and liberal giving.

Allow me to refer to the efforts that are being made to secure the money for the "Oshikawa Memorial Building." Rev. W. E. Hoy offers five prizes to the Sunday-school scholars raising the five highest sums of money, by soliciting contributions of five cents a person. The list of names and the money must be sent to Hon. R. F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa., not later than January 1, 1890. A sketch of Rev. M. Oshikawa, the pioneer native missionary in the north of Japan, and at present on a visit to America, will soon be ready for sale and the profits thereof will be applied to the Seminary Fund. If our pastors and elders will give their friendly aid to these projects, the sum of *five thousand dollars* can be realized.

Providence permitting, the Board expects the Rev. M. Oshikawa to visit the several synods at their annual meetings. He came to this

country in March of the present year, to find the rest he so much needs and to enjoy the benefits of our richer experience in grace and truth. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome everywhere.

DEAR BRETHREN: Religion in Japan is the burning topic of the day. The people will have some kind of religion. There is no difference of opinion about the having or not having a religion. The question of present interest is, *What kind of religion shall it be?* Christianity, Buddhism and Scepticism are the three rival forces at work for the mastery. From the tidings that come to us from the missionaries on the field, we may infer that the contest will be a fierce but brief one. A few years will determine the issue. If Christianity fails to triumph in the conflict, the censure will rest upon us.

Experience has taught us that the membership of the church do not ordinarily go beyond their pastors and elders in zeal and activity, in knowledge and liberality. Our people need more light on the subject of missions, and they look to us for it. In charges where the church paper is not a regular visitor in every family, the pastor should tell the people of the work from the pulpit and in his pastoral visitations, and thus awaken an interest in missions. Every pastor who is conversant with the progress of missions has the fuel in his hands wherewith to enkindle the fire of missions in the most indifferent hearts. He is the great medium through which the wants of the missionaries are to be made known, the mouth-piece for heathendom as it pleads with Christianity.

In order that we as a church may share in the joy of gathering the large harvest of souls for Christ in Japan, we must be up and doing. The missionaries ask for our prayers; they crave our sympathy; they need our help. The Board earnestly pleads for more money to prosecute the work.

Give us the means and we will cheer your hearts with the glad tidings of the progress of the Gospel among a people who are not yet the people of God. God's word cannot be broken. God's cause will prevail. The crowns of rejoicing will appear when they and we shall stand in the presence of the Eternal. God be with us until we meet then, for His name's sake.

Yours in the Gospel,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF OUR JAPAN MISSION 1889.

	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-Supporting.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Converts.	Membership.	Girl's School.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological Schools.	Scholars in same.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Ministers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi,	1	..	..	17	67	..	..	1	26	..	..	1	..	1	..	$ 63 85
Oji,	..	..	..	4	33	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	24 00
Iwatsuki,	1	..	..	8	89	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	1	..	..	370 06
Matsubayashi & Noda,	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	1	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 30
Bancho,	1	1	..	65	189	..	..	1	85	..	..	1	..	..	..	196 30
	3	1	..	94	413	..	..	5	199	..	..	2	1	1	..	$ 662 53
Sendai,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fukushima,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nakamura,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hobara,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shiroishi,	4	1	6	186	625	1	47	9	391	1	15	2	6	2	2	1125 75
Tome,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yamagata,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tsurugaoka,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iwanuma,	1			5	99	..	..	1	70				sup			181 00
Ishinomaki,	1		1	10	69	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	1	..		89 85
Furukawa,	1		1		36	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	30 00
Hakodate,	1	1	1	28	75	..	..	1	73	..	..	..	1	..	..	182 98
Mombetsu,	1	1	1	20	121	..	..	1	45	..	..	1	1			1047 70
Mororau,																
	9	3	10	199	1025	1	47	14	624	1	15	3	10	2	2	$2557 26
Grand Total,	12	4	10	293	1438	1	47	19	823	1	15	5	11	3	2	$3219 81

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and together with the Reports of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod and of the General Synod, of the Board of Church Erection, of the Board of Foreign Missions, and of their respective treasurers, adopted. The report is as follows:

The documents placed in our hands are, the Report of the Board of Missions of the Ohio Synod, the Report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, the Secretary's Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, also an explanatory statement by the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, together with the Report of Board of Church Erection.

From these documents we learn that the transfer of the Missions of this Synod to the Board of Missions of the General Synod has been consummated in harmony with instructions of General Synod. The wisdom of the new system of carrying forward our missionary work has

received but a partial test, yet this seems to indicate that success will crown this new departure in this department of our church activity. It seems obvious that the work can be carried forward with greater economy than when under the management of the different synods which were more or less independent of each other. Of course the co-operation of all the district synods is necessary to make the work efficient and progressive. The Report of the Executive Committee of General Synod's Board asks in the following resolution for such co-operation:

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod is respectfully requested to keep up its organizations and unite with this Board in the effort of raising the necessary funds for the support of the missions now brought under the supervision of this Board, and to counsel and advise in anything that may lead to a successful management and prosperous advancement of the cause of missions.

Resolved, That district synods are requested to refer all matters in regard to starting new missions within the bounds of their synods, to this Board. Openings that may come under their observation as proper fields for missionary operations of our church should be referred by the district Board to the General Board which shall have final authority in the matter.

It will be seen by this action that the Board of the General Synod wishes to be in full sympathy with this synod in all its missionary operations. Full, and cordial co-operation will doubtless be felt for good, and give our missionary work an impetus which will be helpful in securing desired results. Let this synod pledge itself to greater missionary efforts than ever before, for the time seems auspicious, and now is the time to go in and take the land for our Lord and King. We should not omit to state the treasury has a surplus of seven hundred dollars. This is exceptional in all our experience, and we are tempted to receive it as a prophecy of the brighter days which await us in all our future church work.

The statement, in detail, of the present conditions of our different missions is omitted in the Board's Report to this synod, with the remark that as the transfer has been but of recent date it was not possible for the Board to bring to our attention such information as would be desirable. Hereafter this valuable feature will find a place in its report. The sum of eight thousand dollars is asked as the amount that this synod will be expected to raise.

At the time of the transfer, our Synod's Board was indebted to our missionaries, twenty-one hundred dollars. This synod should make provision for the liquidation of this debt by the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all congregations within our bounds, which have not already done so, are hereby requested to take up collections for this special purpose, and that this be at their next communion.

Your committee feels constrained to congratulate this synod on our missionary progress in Japan. Here our labors have been abundantly blessed. Let the whole church gratefully realize this, and let it be an inspiration for greater zeal and greater liberality, that the ingathering may increase from year to year. We have suggested that the same method employed last year in securing the necessary funds, be adopted for this year.

Resolved, That we urge all our congregations to hold Foreign Missionary services during the coming synodical year, and that subscription collections, and contributions be raised at that time and statedly thereafter, for the support of this cause; the same to be forwarded to Hon. R. F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.

Resolved, That this synod most heartily endorses the management of our missionary interests in Japan, and that the request of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions be brought to the attention of our people that it may enjoy the church's full co-operation and sympathy.

The Board has been fortunate in securing the services of Rev. D. S. Fouse as Missionary Superintendent. Our brother in his work should have from all, hearty support and co-operation, that his work may be blest to our own people and those for whom we labor.

In this connection we would call attention to the efforts of the women in many of our congregations in the cause of missions. They are unsalaried workers. They have cheerfully assumed burdens, and made themselves responsible for the accomplishment of definite ends. They have helped in many a charge to raise not only funds, but to educate the young people of our churches into intelligent and helpful church membership. It is but just and fair that they should in this most laudable work, have the help and encouragement of the ministry. The Woman's Missionary Society is a recognized necessity in order that the congregation may be fully responsive to the needs of our aggressive church work.

Resolved, That we hereby pledge our cordial co-operation in organizing the women of our charges into missionary societies, and the children into mission bands, and that we constantly encourage these organizations by giving all possible help.

Resolved, That we would here suggest to the members of these societies the propriety of publishing a Magazine devoted to the cause of woman's work in the church under the supervision of the Woman's Missionary Society of the whole church which will be organized at Lebanon, Pa., next June.

Resolved, That this synod learns of the election of Rev. D. S. Fouse as missionary superintendent, and his acceptance of the same, with the utmost gratification, and hereby pledges its help and prayers that his work may be crowned with success.

Resolved, That this synod rejoices in the unification of our missionary

work under the Board of General Synod, and that we give it all possible assistance in its great responsibility.

Resolved, That synod recognizes in the work of the Board of Church Erection a department of missionary enterprise, and that it is heartily commended to the liberality of the church.

Resolved, That the following sums be apportioned to the classes: $8,000 to the Board of Missions, and $1,500 for the use of the Board of Church Erection.

Finally, dear brethren, our success and propriety as a church depends entirely upon the degree of enthusiasm we manifest and devotion we have for this great cause. No church can maintain itself upon its history however lustrous with glory it may be. Armies fall to pieces under the disintegrating forces born of inactivity. Churches die when they conclude that their work is finished. The need of missionary work is also a need of the church and an essential to its compact organization.

Let us then go back to our field resolved to do our full duty. Let us raise all our apportionments, and thus meet all our financial obligations. This can be easily accomplished if we will but employ all the honorable instrumentalities within our reach. The women of my congregation can and will cheerfully secure this amount if they are but informed of the needs of the church.

Let us remember our missionaries in our prayers, and show our sincerity by seeing that they receive their hard earned money when it is due.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

III. VISIT OF REV. MASAYOSHI OSHIKAWA TO SYNOD.

On motion the following action was adopted by synod:

WHEREAS, Rev. Masayoshi Oshikawa, the talented and efficient native missionary of the Reformed Church in Japan, being at present on a vacation trip to America, has spent several days with us in synod, and on Friday evening entertained us with an interesting and instructive address on Japan and its people, and the progress of Christianity among its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, He, in his present personal efforts, is not only giving valuable information respecting the moral condition and needs of Japan, but also awakening increased interest in our foreign work; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our grateful recognition of him as a devoted and faithful minister of Christ, and invoke God's blessing upon him and his work; and that we also guarantee our earnest support to the cause of Foreign Missions, as we feel assured by the "signs of the times" that Japan is fully ripe for the religion of Jesus Christ, and that a great work is to be accomplished for the glory of God and human salvation.

Resolved, That, as a tangible expression of our appreciation of his visit among us, and as an evidence of our abiding interest in our foreign missionary operations, we instruct the Treasurer of Synod to pay twenty-five ($25) dollars into the Treasury of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church for the use of said board.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

OFFICERS OF BOARD.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, *Secretary*, Akron, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose Term expires October, 1890.

Rev. John J. Leberman. Rev. John M. Kendig.

Members whose Term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose Term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Rufus C. Zartman.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. James H. Steele, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose Term expires October, 1890.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose Term expires October, 1891.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose Term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received, considered, and adopted as a whole:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

Report of the Board of Trustees to the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.

Your Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary respectfully report that they have endeavored to be faithful and active in the responsible and honorable position to which they have been chosen by your reverend body.

The present organization of the Board was effected at Dayton, O., October 3d, 1888, by the election of

Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., *President.*
Rev. S. B. Yockey, *Vice President.*
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary.*
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer.*

The Board held two additional meetings during the last synodic year. At the first of these the incorporation of the seminary was fully completed in accordance with instructions given at the Dayton session of synod, and as reported and published on page 54 of the Minutes thereof. At the same meeting the Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., was elected President of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, in accordance with the authority conferred by the action of synod as recorded on page 52 of its Minutes for 1888.

Elder Horace Ankeney having made his calling and election sure by accepting the position to which he had been chosen as synod's financial agent for the seminary, the Board entered into an arrangement with the said agent that his salary should be $500, per year and that he should be allowed his necessary traveling expenses and a vacation of two months during the harvest season of each year. The Board believes that if these terms are unreasonable, they are unreasonably favorable to synod's side of the contract.

Our agent was in the field during the greater part of the last synodic year. There is no want of evidence that he is applying himself to the work in accordance with synod's action recorded on page 53 of its Minutes. For a more detailed account of his assiduous labors, and the first fruits thereof, the synod is respectfully referred to Elder Ankeney's reports as financial agent and treasurer, and to any statement that he may be pleased to make in connection therewith.

Your Board of Trustees of the Seminary believes itself in full accord of sentiment with the Board of Education as regards the great importance of increasing both the numerical strength of the Seminary Faculty and the number of fully consecrated students now in their course of preparation at Heidelberg for the ministry of the Everlasting Gospel; and yet it is generally felt and acknowledged that the over-shadowing and imperative necessity of the present time is more means with which to lift the Theological department of Heidelberg from its chronic state

of dependency into that financial condition of princely power which would enable it to perform the full measure of the important work which God has given it to do.

We take pleasure in reporting that a good start has now been made in that direction. Our Seminary has not yet come up out of the wilderness of financial embarrassment, but the sun-lit hills of the promise land are already rising in broad, bright splendor before our raptured vision. It is reasonably hoped that by another year, lead forward by our noble agent, we will have crossed the red sea of our long-standing indebtedness with our hearts fully tuned to Miriam's delightful music. If so, we will all join in the chorus and thunder it back to the skies: "*The Lord hath triumphed gloriously.*"

The statement of facts set forth in the report of our agent, while not fully up to our reasonable expectations, is nevertheless sufficient to make it clearly manifest that synod's "plan of systematic giving by annual subscriptions" is practicable and worthy of all acceptation. By continued earnest work it can be made entirely successful. No backward step should be taken in this matter: neither should we allow ourselves to tarry at the point already reached. Let positive progress on this line of action be our principle and our policy. Carnality and cowards to the rear! Consecrated courage to the front! The embannered hosts of God have turned their faces toward the rising sun of a glorious future. That future is close at hand. In view of these facts, let synod send forth its authoritative announcement that every minister, every member, every congregation throughout its bounds is expected to co-operate with our agent according as God hath dealt to every one the measure of faith.

Yes; the work undertaken can be fully accomplished. The seminary must not only be relieved from present embarrassment, but also endowed for greater future usefulness. It can be done. Why not? There is no lion in the way. A church which could, in a few short months, collect and secure two grand educational and popular museums, and, on a very brief notice, give birth to a university, can certainly complete the full and necessary endowment of that department without which the university, with all its other equipments and attractions, would fail to serve the ultimate end that our sainted fathers had in view when they laid the broad foundation of Heidelberg with tears and prayers, in Christian faith and hope.

Encouraged and prompted by all the aforesaid facts, we offer the following for hearty and unanimous adoption:

Resolved, That the plan of systematic giving, already adopted by synod, and to a reasonable extent already put into practical and satisfactory operation by our worthy agent, be continued; and that all our ministers and members be urged to give their individual and collective co-operation to our agent according as they possess the Spirit and feel themselves constrained by the love of Christ.

Resolved, That all our ministers be also urged to continue the proper observance of Reformation Day, and to give such memorial services a practical turn by appealing to young men to consecrate themselves to the holy ministry, and the taking of collections for the same general cause of the world's complete evangelization.

In conclusion, the attention of synod is called to the fact that vacancies on the board are about to occur by the expiration of the time for which Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Michael Loucks, Rev. James H. Steele, Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., and Elder Horace Ankeney were elected.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *President.*

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2. Report of the Financial Agent.

To the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In making this my first report to your Board and through you to the Synod, I would ask that a charitable construction be placed upon it, seeing that I am only a beginner in the work and the work in its "beginning." It is now nine months since I entered upon my duties. Beginning January 1, 1889, the first two weeks were spent in getting "personal matter" letters, "promise cards", "small envelopes," &c., printed and folded ready to be addressed from the Church Roll, and enough of them put into the hands of pastors to distribute one to each member. The circular of explanation specially for pastors was also sent to each one, accompanying which I wrote and sent a *personal letter* in regard to the matter.

I began visiting the congregations to explain the Seminary's interests and help inaugurate the "Special Plan" on Sabbath, January 13th, and have continued steadily until the present, with the exception of four Sabbaths. In this time I have presented the matter to fifty-seven congregations and secured in each, helpers to continue the work. Few collections have been lifted, regard always being had to the wishes and judgment of the pastor. Reports have not yet been received—as they could not be—from all the congregations visited, but as the work was started in several without my presence, I am enabled to give partial reports from sixty congregations—I say *partial*, for in *none* of them is the work completed for the first year's offerings, and in *many* of them it *is but started.*

I have also, in the furtherance of the work, written to pastors, helpers and others upwards of 400 letters and 100 postals.

Owing chiefly to certain business matters, I was necessitated to begin and continue the work for quite a while in the congregations nearest home, and in no way has there been any effort made to make a *good showing* by working among those thought most able and willing. In fact many of the congregations visited have been the very weakest in the synod.

It affords me pleasure to say, that notwithstanding the general antipathy to "financial agents," my treatment by the people to whom I have been enabled to present the Plan in person, has been that of uniform kindness and courtesy. Every week only seems to convince me the more, of the wisdom and suitableness of the "Plan," both for the work to be accomplished and the condition of the people among whom the work is to be done. The Plan, though it must be remembered, is *distinctively one of personal effort.*

It is my most earnest desire that synod might be *emphatic* in its continued endorsement of it, and as it were, issue its edict to our people that the work begun is to grow and spread in accordance with this Plan, until it reaches every congregation in the Ohio Synod and every member in the same.

The Seminary is *ours.* Trained men we need, and we cannot, as we do not, expect any other denomination to step in and do *our work.* May Synod say, that it expects every member to do his duty, and may the Lord help all to respond, *We will!*

The following is a statement of receipts and expenses to date:

Tabulated Financial Statement.

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	ASSISTANTS.	Date received.	Amount received.	How Credited. Principal on amount assumed.	Interest on amount assumed.	Immediate use.	Total received from the congregation.	Total received from the charge.	Annual pledges reported.
Fremont	Fremont	Dr. J. I. Swander	Mar. 10,	$24 95	$24 95					
			Sept. 10,	11 25	8 30	$2 95		$36 20	$36 20	$7 10
Salem	Salem	Rev. J. L. Bretz	May 1,	11 50			$11 50			
			June 8,	75			75			
			July 10,	*33 75			33 75			
			Oct. 3,	5 00			5 00	51 00	51 00	15 45
Union, Lancaster Cl.	Baltimore	Franklin Kumler	March 25,	1 25			1 25	1 25		2 25
	St. Peters	Miss Ella Betz	Sept. 5,	4 80			4 80	4 80		†
	St. Jacob's	Jno. Schaad	Sept. 5,	5 60			5 60	5 60	11 65	†
Beaver Creek	Hawker		Feb. 4,	1 00						
			May 3,	2 00						
			May 6,	1 25						
			June 25,	5 00						
			July 7,	25			9 50	9 50		8 50
	Mt. Zion	D. Hartman and Miss Jennie Nogle	July 14,	15 35			15 35			
			Sept. 25,	1 00			1 00	16 35		14 35
	Beaver	Jno. Shepherd	Feb. 2, to Sept. 25,	95 15			95 15	95 15	121 00	95 65
Fostoria			May 8,	5 78	4 78	1 00			5 78	†
First Church, Tiffin		Dr. L. H. Kefauver	April 17,	10 00		10 00				
			May 7,	10 00	5 30	4 70				
			Sept. 10,	27 00	27 00					
			Sept. 21,	1 00	1 00			48 00	48 00	29 20
Bascom	Salem		June 17,	*4 62		4 62		4 62	4 62	†
Thornville	Thornville and Rushville	Ervin Yost and Rev. S. W. Seeman	June 18,	31 40			31 40			
			July 25,	11 50			11 50			
			Oct. 3,	35 50			35 50			
			Oct. 3,	5 00			5 00		83 40	42 90
Miamisburg	Miamisburg	Chas. N. Lupton	June 18,	33 90			38 90			

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	ASSISTANTS.	Date received.	Amount received.	How Credited. Principal on am't assumed.	Interest on am't assumed.	Immediate use.	Total received from the congregation	Total received from the charge	Annual pledges reported.
Miamisburg	Miamisburg	Mrs. H. M. Herman	July 9,	33 50		..	33 50	67 40	67 40	†
Glenford	St. Paul	W. V. Zartman	July 1,	49 00	....	..	49 00	49 00	49 00	18 25
Kinnikinnick	New Jerusalem	——Markle	June 30,	*1 76		..	1 76	1 76	.....	....
	Kinnikinnick	Rev. S. Runckel	Sept. 24,	* 5 50	....	.			.....	.....
				* 2 25	....	..	7 75	7 75	9 51	3 75
West Baltimore	West Baltimore	Chas. Hiney	July 3,	6 65	....	....	6 65		...	.. ....
			Aug. 1,	1 25			1 25	7 90	7 90	7 90
Bloomville	Bloomville	Henry Scheerer	July 4,	15 50	3 20	12 30		15 50	15 50	15 50
White Pigeon	Florence and White Pigeon	Mrs. Jennie Pashby and Rev. I. Rothenberger	July 5,	5 30	..		5 30	...	5 30	4 95
Germantown	Salem	Sam'l Snepp	July 10,	1 00	....	.		..	.....	.....
			Sept. 5,	2 11	....	...	3 11	3 11	3 11	3 25
Trinity	Bloom Center	Emma Hall, Emma Halboth, Bertie Smith,	Sept. 1,	7 55	....	...	7 55	7 75	.....	7 05
	Swanders	Jno. Forror	Sept. 2,	1 20			1 20	1 20	8 75	1 20
Reedsburg	Reedsburg	C. Moon	July 10,	10 65		10 65	..	10 65	.....	†
	Mt. Zion	Henry Sealer	July 10,	5 35	. ..	5 35	....	5 35	16 00	†
Union	Alcony	Miss Carrie Billet	July 11,	51 75	...	. .			...	.. ...
			Sept. 27,	3 00	...	. .	54 75	54 75	54 75	29 75
Springboro	Springboro	Rev. B. F. Davis	Oct. 3,	10 65	..	...	10 65	10 65	10 65	20 65
Canaan		Geo. Mathes	July 12,	13 30	....	13 30	...	...	13 30	13 30
Greenville	Hillgrove	Chas. Dobenmeier	July 14,	*85	....		85	85	.....	†
	Greenville	Ladies' Missionary Society	July 14,	10 00	....	....	10 00	10 00	10 85	10 00
Pikeville	Zion's	W. H. Eshleman	July 16,	8 30			8 30	8 30	8 30	8 30
New Madison	Beach Grove	Mrs. Manda Fellers	July 17,	11 70	....	....	11 70	11 70	...	†
	Zion's	Howard Woods	Aug. 24,	13 40	...		13 40	13 40	25 10	9 80
Trinity, Dayton	Trinity	G. G. Prugh	July 25,	27 75	....	....	27 75		..	.....
			Sept. 24,	10 00	....	. .	10 00	37 75	37 75	37 75
Tremont City	St. Paris	Jas. Campbell	July 28,*	1 08	...	.	1 08	1 08	..	†
	Millerstown	Sam'l Zirkle	July 28,*	1 44			1 44	1 44	2 52	†
Lima		Rev. F. M. Shults	Aug. 1,	4 60	2 00	2 60		....	4 60	4 35
Robertsville	Robertsville	A. Lotz, C. N. Dewalt	Aug. 3,	17 25	.....	17 25	....		.....	†
			Oct. 5,	50		50	....	17 75	17 75	.. ....

Marshallville	Emanuel's	Nellie Helmig	Aug. 7,	3 36			3 36			
			Sept. 29,	5 00			5 00	8 36		
	Marshallville	Mrs. Peter Ault	Aug. 7,	5 00			5 00			
			Oct. 1,	3 00			3 00	8 00	16 36	6 90
Navarre		Rev. G. H. House	Aug. 7,	27 00	21 42	5 58		27 00	27 00	14 00
West Alexandria	Lewisburg	J. J. Trissel	Aug. 9,	15 50			15 50	15 50		52 90
	West Alexandria	Miss Minnie Dininger, Miss Laura Hume,	Oct. 3,	8 70			8 70			
	West Alex. Miss. Soc	Mary J. Henry, Secretary	Sept. 20,	5 00			5 00	13 70		27 50
	Johnsville	Miss Jennie Rahouser, Miss Alice Crawford,	Oct. 3,	3 65			3 65	3 65	32 85	3 65
	Stoutsville	Jacob Ernst,	Aug. 10,	29 00			29 00			
Stoutsville	East Ringgold	Sam'l Dunckle,	Oct. 3,	2 50			2 50		31 50	25 00
	Clearport	Miss Iowa Miller,								
Canal Winchester	Canal Winchester	Mrs. W. D. Beeks	Aug 14,	22 10			22 10			
		Mr. Peter Brown	Sept. 24,	55 75			55 75			
			Oct. 3,	8 00			8 00	85 85	85 85	53 75
Farmersville	Farmersville	Geo. B. Roof	Aug. 10.	1 25			1 25			
		A. E. Prince	Aug. 28,	3 15			8 15			
			Sept. 25,	14 00			14 00	18 40	18 40	†
New Pittsburgh	Salamonia	Wm. Stone	April 17,	1 30			1 30			
			Aug. 28,	50			50	1 80		†
	N. Pittsburgh	Mrs. Laura Stick	Sept. 8,	25			25			
			Sept. 8,*	10			10	35		†
	Boundary	Henry Hiester	Sept. 8,	50			50			
			Sept. 8,*	70			70	1 20	3 35	†
Columbiana	Columbiana	Aaron Esterly	Sept. 10,	34 30	26 30	8 00		34 30	34 30	
Fairfield	Bethel	Mrs. A. D. Freeman	Jan. 27,	5 00			5 00			
			Sept. 13,	2 00			2 00	7 00		
	Fairfield	C. W. Oldt	Sept. 6,	5 00			5 00	5 00	12 00	12 00
Bellevue	Bellevue	Geo. Friedly	Sept. 19,	21 00	21 00					
			Oct. 2,	32 25	32 25			53 25	53 25	70 00
Wooster	Wooster	J. C. Schultz	Sept. 19,	10 00		10 00		10 00	10 00	4 00
Neriah Mission		Rev. W. H. Mawhorter	Sept. 19,	8 00			8 00		8 00	†
First Church, Dayton	First Church, Dayton	C. W. Ketteman	Sept. 20,	95 32			95 32			
			Sept. 24,	5 00			5 00	100 32	100 32	88 60
Tuscarawas	St. John's	Wm. Christman	Sept. 24,	18 31			18 31			
			Oct. 3,	1 00			1 00	19 31	19 31	†
Basil	Jerusalem	H. S. Baily	Sept. 24,	2 60			2 60	2 60		†
	Basil	Jno. V. Tussing	Sept. 24,	45 80			45 80	45 80		†
	Mt. Zion	Jacob A. Weaver	Sept. 24,	12 40			12 40	12 40	60 80	†
New Lisbon	St. Jacob's	Clara Bricker, B. O. Frost,	Sept. 27,	43 00	2790	23 20		43 00		†
	Trinity	Ainsly Williard	Sept. 27,	8 10						
		Ella Williard	Oct. 3,	50	50			8 60	51 60	†
									$1,294 58	$771 45

*Collections. †Amount of annual pledges not yet reported.

Total received from congregations				$1,294.58

Received from sundry individuals for Immediate Use, as follows:

1889.				
Jan.	15.	Rev. J. J. Leberman	$5 00	
"	17.	Rev. J. A. Keller	10 00	
"	19.	Rev. Jno. H. Beck	5 00	
Feb.	15.	Rev. J. V. Lerch	5 00	
Mar.	1.	Miss Vica Dillingham	1 00	
"	1.	Miss Attie Dillingham	1 00	
"	6.	Miss Rose Zartman	1 00	
"	8.	Rev. C. W. Good	10 00	
"	8.	Rev. A. Casselman	2 00	
"	11.	Rev. W. A. Miller	2 00	
"	16.	Messrs. Conwell & Babb	1 00	
Apr.	17.	Mrs. D. Collyer	96	
"	23.	Rev. C. F. Kriete	5 00	
June	4.	Christian Fought and wife	8 00	
"	4.	Mrs. Von Blon	1 00	
"	7.	Rev. C. E. Miller	5 00	
"	8.	Zetus L. Numbers	1 00	
"	10.	Mrs. A. Herbruck	1 00	
"	19.	Jno. Meyers	5 00	
"	21.	Michael Oldfather	10 00	
July	1.	Rev. G. A. Snyder	5 00	
"	5.	Andrew H. Baughman	5 00	
"	15.	Rev. E. Herbruck	10 00	
"	19.	Rev. S. P. Mauger	3 00	
"	19.	Rev. E. D. Wettach	5 00	
"	20.	Reuben Haines	2 00	
Aug.	1.	Rev. J. Ihle	10 00	
"	10.	Rev. Elias Spangler	5 00	
"	24.	J. L. Metcalf	1 00	
"	24.	Mrs. Sarah Boyd	5 00	
Oct.	3.	Rev. W. H. Shults and wife	5 00	
				$135 96
May	15.	Rev. J. Steiner, Tr. Northern Div. Miami Cl., per action of cl.		5 00

Reformation Day Collections.

Mar.	1.	Xenia Sunday-school, Reformation Day collection	$13 00	
"	1.	Xenia congregation, Reformation Day collection	12 00	
				$25 00
Sept.	13.	Grace Church, Tiffin, Reformation Day collection		5 00

Gifts from Individuals for Further Endowment.

Mar.	15.	S. D. Sites, Fairview, Ind	$100 00	
Apr.	3.	Rev. J. H. Steele, Thank Offering	25 00	
"	17.	E. Layes	10 00	
May	30.	Sarah M. Wolf, Lancaster, Pa	50 00	
				$185 00
		Total cash receipts		$1,650 54

Received in notes to be paid in five equal annual installments	$35 00	
Received one note on which first installment paid	8 00	
Received one note to be paid in ten equal installments	50 00	
		$93 00

Expenditures.

Expenses for 19,000 envelopes, cards, circulars and express, postage, &c., getting plan started	$109 24	
Railroad expenses visiting congregations	89 94	
Livery, $3.00; meals and hotel, $5.75	8 75	
Telegraph and telephone messages	91	
Account books for helpers, and stamps	1 18	
Retained on salary by order of Board of Trustees	300 00	
Paid to Treasurer Board of Trustees for Endowment Fund account	393 90	
Paid to Treasurer of Board of Trustees for Immediate Use account	746 12	
		$1,650 04
Balance in hands of agent		50
		$1,650 54

Some members have contributed offerings without giving an annual promise, but many of these, if spared, will contribute an offering each year for the five years. The pledges actually reported from congregations, those reported from individuals direct, and a safe estimate of those received in these congregations but not yet reported to the agent, will make a total of at least $1,150. We believe it altogether possible, as we sincerely hope that when the full reports are in for the first year from these sixty congregations representing less than one-third of the synod, the *pledged* and *unpledged* offerings will give us annually double this sum. To this end may all helpers in these congregations keep up good courage and persevere, and may the congregations yet to see and hear from, by the time of a next annual report, cheer our hearts with a still greater amount. Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Agent.*

A.

3. *Report of Treasurer of the Board.*

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

Summary of property and accounts received from the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Tiffin, Ohio, through the special Committee appointed by the Ohio Synod at Dayton, Ohio, October 1888, Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., and Elder Wm. Kefauver, Committee:

21 notes invested on first mortgage security	$21,413 19
12 " gifts of individuals to be paid after death	2,848 32
1 Bond for Beneficiary Education to be paid after death	500 00
31 Zwingli Memorial notes	1,086 00
1 note for Dr. J. H. Good Professorship	50 00

25 other notes *supposed* good	1,615 00
20 notes regarded *very* doubtful	3,381 00
34 notes and 41 Plainfield Bonds *absolutely worthless*	4,760 92
Dr. J. I. Swander, Donation Fund Account for payment of Prof. Zerbe's salary, cash	222 20
Endowment Fund in account balance on hand	66 19
Accounts due and bills payable	
Immediate Use Fund account overdrawn	222 20
Due Prof. Herman Rust on account salary	1,300 57
Bills payable, money borrowed to pay Mrs. Susan H. Good, balance due Dr. J. H. Good on account salary	
1 note to G. W. Williard, D. D., Treas. dated March 19, 1888, @ 7 per cent	300 00
1 note to W. W. Donham, dated May 25, 1888, @ 7 per cent	500 00
1 note to J. H. Steele, dated May 29, 1888, @ 7 per cent	100 00
1 note to Mrs. Susan H. Good, dated October 16, 1888, @ 6 per cent	530 00
	$1,430 00

B.

1888.				IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
Oct.	3.	To cash of	Rev. N. H. Loose, Children's Day Coll. Zion's Cong. Marshall charge		$5 00
"	3.	" "	Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, " " " St. Jacob's Cong. New Lisbon charge		14 05
"	3.	" "	Jno. Strock, per Rev. Shuleuberger, interest on note		3 00
"	6.	" "	Smith & Hendershot, interest on Mortgage Loan		20 70
"	12.	" "	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Cl. Im. Use from Port Jefferson charge		6 93
"	13.	" "	A. Ankeney, Easter Day Coll. Beaver S. S. of Beaver Creek charge		6 64
"	25.	" "	I. H. Reiter, D. D., int. on Dissinger Loan in full		77 30
"	26.	" "	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Cl. int. on am't assumed		17 00
"	27.	" "	F. Nussbaum, int. in full on Zwingli Memorial note		3 50
"	29.	" "	A. Mast & E. Albert per G. W. Williard, D. D., int. on note		4 00
"	29.	" "	N. M. Gill, interest on Mortgage Loan in full		3 80
Nov.	8.	" "	Thos. Cavanaugh, one year's interest on loan		49 00
"	24.	" "	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. M., Cl. Xenia chg. app. of '85 on Greenville Church		34 16
"	30.	" "	Samuel Moyer, one year's interest on note		6 00
Dec.	11.	" "	J. I. Swander, D. D., Fremont chg. indv. gift Im. Use		9 00
"	15.	" "	N. M. Gill, int. on Mortgage Loan		4 53
"	17.	" "	Prof. H. Rust, D. D., one year's interest on loan		80 00
1889.					
Jan.	17.	" "	Rev. Wm. H. Shults, 1 year's int. on Zwingli Mem. note		1 50
"	26.	" "	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Cl. interest on app		4 37
"	29.	" "	H. Ankeney, int. on note for J. H. Good, professorship		3 00
"	30.	" "	C. W. Cretors, one-half year's interest on mortgage loan		35 00
Feb.	2.	" "	Thos. Cavanaugh, int. on mortgage loan in full		13 88
"	2.	" "	" " advance payment of int. on new loan.		13 50
"	12.	" "	J. E. Lowes, one year's interest on mortgage loan		160 00
"	13.	" "	Rev. J. B. Henry, one year's int. on Zwingli Mem. note		3 00
Feb.	18.	" "	Samuel Krider, admr. Hoover est. int. on note		50 80
"	26.	" "	W. H. Siegfried, one year's int. on Zwingli Mem. note		3 00
"	27.	" "	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl. int. on am't assumed		11 01
		Carried forward			$643 67

				Amount brought forward	$643 67
Mch.	1.	"	"	Sem. Agt. from J.I. Wolf, Tr. Xen. cong. coll. Theo. Sem.	12 00
"	1.	"	"	" " " N. Ledbetter, Tr. Xenia S. S. " " "	13 00
"	4.	"	"	Rev. S. Z. Beam, one year's int. Zwingli Mem. note. ...	1 50
"	4.	"	"	Mrs. S. Z. Beam, one year's " " " "	1 50
"	8.	"	"	Rev. A. Casselman, one year's int. Zwingli Mem. note .	3 00
"	15.	"	"	Geo. Spitler, two years interest on note.....	6 00
"	15.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl. int. on part of am't assum'd	15 26
Apr.	5.	"	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. M. Cl. for Immed. Use..	4 43
"	6.	"	"	Rev. J. R. Skinner, one year's interest on note.....	1 50
"	10.	"	"	Levi House int. on mortgage loan in full to Mch. 16, 1889.	212 00
"	10.	"	"	Susannah A. Smith, one-half year's interest on loan. ...	19 56
"	15.	"	"	Jacob Gephart, per I. H. Reiter, one year's int. on note.	1 50
"	17.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Tr. M. Cl. Im. Use app. fr. Union chg	10 00
"	19.	"	"	Michael Gonder, per E. R. Held in settlement old note..	5 00
May	3.	"	"	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Cl..... ...	4 50
"	7.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl. int. on am't. assumed by First Church, Tiffin, and raised by Special Plan.....	14 70
"	7.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl. int. on am't. assumed by Fostoria charge and raised by Special Plan	1 00
"	8.	"	"	B. Mathes, interest on note to January 1, 1889	6 00
"	11.	"	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Cl. int. on am't. assumed .	12 46
"	13.	"	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Tr. M. Cl. on app. to Miamisburg charge for 1888	13 17
"	13.	"	"	Jacob Schneider, interest on mortgage loan in full	56 00
"	15.	"	"	Sem. Agt. from Rev. J. Steiner, Tr. North'n Div. Miami Cl. S. S. Association	5 00
"	15.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Tr. M. Cl. on app. for Immed. Use...	33 43
"	21.	"	"	Margaret Ankeney, money borrowed at 7 per cent. to pay am't borrowed of W.W. Donham, to pay Mrs. Susan Good	500 00
"	21.	"	"	I. H. Reiter, D.D., Tr.M. Cl. app. New Madison Ch, Im. Use	9 63
June	3.	"	"	Detrick Glander, two years' int. on note to Mch. 30, 1889	60 00
June	8.	"	"	E. K. Kremer, Tr. Tus. Cl. interest on am't. assumed...	$91 98
"	12.	"	"	Sam'l Krider, adm'r. Hoover estate interest in full	93
"	13.	"	"	V. W. Ault, interest on note	5 00
"	16.	"	"	Mrs. Lautenschlager, interest on husband's note in full.	3 25
"	18.	"	"	B. Kuhns, one year's interest on note	6 00
"	18.	"	"	Rev. A. E. Baichly, int. in full on Zwingli Mem. note..	60
"	18.	"	"	Abram Lance, one year's interest on note	60
"	18.	"	"	Sem. Agt. per E. Yost ass't. Thornville chg. raised by Special Plan	31 40
"	18.	"	"	Sem. Agt. per I. H. Reiter, Tr. am't. raised in Miamisburg charge by Special Plan	33 90
"	22.	"	"	Alfred Shirer, one year's interest Zwingli Mem. note...	3 00
"	22.	"	"	Alfred Shirer, one year's interest on mortgage loans .	40 00
July	1.	"	"	Jacob Schifferly, interest in full on note	2 45
"	6.	"	"	T. L. Prugh, one year's interest on note	1 50
"	8.	"	"	Sem. Agt. from Canal Fulton, per D. Van Horne, D. D., special collection....	33 75
"	10.	"	"	R. B. Crotzer, per G. W. Williard, D. D., 1 year's int. note	3 00
"	25.	"	"	Levi Kiester, one year's interest on note	1 50
"	27.	"	"	Mary E. Davis, one year's interest on loan	67 50
"	27.	"	"	Jno. L. Dohner, one year's interest on loan.....	112 00
				Carried forward	$2,104 17

				Amount brought forward	$2,104 17
Aug.	8.	"	"	Martha Cretors, one-half year's interest on loan	35 00
"	22.	"	"	Amos D. Bausman, one year's interest on loan	24 00
Sept.	6.	"	"	Sem. Agt. P. F. Cost & wife, first year's pledge per D. Van Horne, D. D.,	5 00
"	10.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Hartman, int on Zwingli Mem note to Jan. 20,'89	10 00
"	12.	"	"	A. C. Hatfield, one year's interest on loan	42 00
"	13.	"	"	Grace Ref. Ch. Tiffin, O., two year's int. on note	3 00
"	19.	"	"	G. P. Early, one year's int. on first mortgage loan	140 00
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt. part payment of cash raised by Special Plan	147 62
"	24.	"	"	received in redemption of note regarded worthless	1 00
"	24.	"	"	Uriah Weaver, one year's interest mortgage loan	70 00
"	24.	"	"	Treasurer Miami Classis Sunday-school Association	16 09
"	27.	"	"	Sem. Agt. balance on hand this date for Immed. Use	356 19
Oct.	1.	"	"	Jno. Weimer, interest on note	16 50
"	3.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Cl. int. on am't assumed	3 50
"	3.	"	"	Rev. L. M. Kerschner, one year's interest on note	3 00
"	3.	"	"	Mast & Albert, per G. W. W., one year's int. on note	4 00
"	3.	"	"	Sem. Agt. balance on hand to date for Immed. Use	92 56
"	3.	"	"	H. Ankeney, Tr. Miami Cl. Sunday-school Association	3 00
"	3.	"	"	E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tus. Cl. interest on am't assumed	20 53
"	3.			To amount overpaid on account	235 53
					$3,332 69

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From interest on notes and loans	$1,520 99
" Miami Classis apportionments and special collections, &c.,	121 39
" Lancaster Classis	4 50
" Tuscarawas Classis interest on amount assumed	112 51
" Tiffin Classis interest on amount assumed	43 14
" St. Joseph's Classis, Children's Day collection	5 00
" Eastern Ohio Classis, int. on am't. assumed and Children's Day coll	43 51
" Seminary Agent raised by Special Plan and collections	746 12
" Borrowed to pay money borrowed	500 00
	$3,097 16
	235 53
	$3,332 69

C.

1888. IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

CR.

Oct.	1.			By amount overpaid on account	$222 20
"	8.			By cash to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, material labor, etc., for book case	12 00
"	27.	"	"	" H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	135 00
"	27.	"	"	Mrs. Susan H. Good, int. on note to October 16, 1888	10 67
"	27.	"	"	" " principal on note	33
Nov.	12.	"	"	Prof. D. Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	50 00
"	24.	"	"	" " " " " "	34 16
Dec.	17.	"	"	" H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	80 00
1889.					
Jan.	28.	"	"	Prof. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	50 00
Feb.	15.	"	"	" " " " " "	105 00
				Carried forward	$699 36

	Amount brought forward				$699 36
"	15.	"	"	" H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	50 00
"	21.	"	"	" A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., on account salary	50 00
Mch.	14.	"	"	" G. W. Williard, D.D., Tr. Heid. Col. 1 yr's int. on note	21 00
"	19.	"	"	" David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	95 00
Apr.	17.	"	"	" " " " " "	20 00
"	18.	"	"	" " " " " "	90 00
"	30.	"	"	" H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	150 00
"	30.	"	"	Mrs. Susan H. Good, interest one-half year on note	15 90
May	21.	"	"	W. W. Donham, int. on note, money borrowed @ 7 per cent., 11 months and 28 days	34 80
"	21.	"	"	W. W. Donham, prin. of note in full, money borrowed	500 00
"	21.	"	"	Prof. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	99 63
June	10.	"	"	" " " " " "	92 00
"	18.	"	"	" A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D. on account salary	60 00
"	18.	"	"	" H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	60 00
"	20.	"	"	Tiffin News Co., printing eight page catalogues	11 00
"	27.	"	"	Prof. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	43 00
July	8.	"	"	" " " " " "	33 75
"	10.	"	"	" " " " " "	3 00
"	27.	"	"	H. H. Prugh, attorney fees in getting articles of incorporation and for recording six mortgages	18 60
Aug.	2.	"	"	Prof. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	100 00
"	2.	"	"	" David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	70 00
"	15.	"	"	" A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., on account salary	35 00
"	24.	"	"	" H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	24 00
Sept.	6.	"	"	" David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	5 00
"	12.	"	"	" H. B. Adams, for music at Sem. Commencement	5 00
"	12.	"	"	" David Van Horne, on account salary	42 00
"	20.	"	"	" Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	140 00
"	21.	"	"	" David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	147 62
"	25.	"	"	Rev. J. H. Steele, one year's int. on money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good	7 00
"	27.	"	"	paid expenses of Treas. during the year, new acc't book, probating acc'ts, stationery, stamps, postals, looking after loans, etc.,	12 37
"	27.	"	"	paid J. I. Swander. Fund, int. for one year to June 1, 1889	13 33
"	27.	"	"	Prof. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	208 38
"	27.	"	"	" Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary	135 42
"	27.	"	"	" A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., " " "	82 77
Oct.	3.	"	"	" David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	84 38
"	3.	"	"	" Herman Rust D. D., on account salary	69 78
"	3.	"	"	" A.S.Zerbe, Ph.D. express on S.S. picture fr. Centennial	3 60
					$3,332 69

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1888.				ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.
Oct.	1.	To cash on hand			$66 19
"	25.	To cash of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., prin. in full of I. Dissinger loan			244 00
"	27.	"	"	F. Nussbaum, Zwingli Memorial note in full	20 00
"	29.	"	"	N. M. Gill, mortgage loan in full	210 00
Dec.	15.	"	"	N. M. Gill, mortgage loan in full	425 00
"	15.	"	"	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan	65 00
	Carried forward				$1,030 19

	Amouut brought forward					$1,630 19
1889.						
Jan.	3.	"	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Tr. E. O. Cl., on ac't prin. of am't ass'm'd.		12 05
"	26.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Classis, on account principal of amount assumed in Fostoria Charge		2 48
Feb.	2.	"	"	Thos. Cavanaugh, mortgage loan in full.		700 00
"	2.	"	"	W. L. Darrow, part payment on loan		188 00
"	2.	"	"	Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., donation for J. H. Good prof'ship.		250 00
"	8.	"	"	Sam'l Krider, adm'r Hoover est., part princp. of note		49 50
Mch.	15.	"	"	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Tr. E. O. Cl., part prin. of am't ass'md		19 50
"	15.	"	"	Sem. agt., gift for further endowment from S. D. Sites		100 00
"	16.	"	"	Levi House, mortgage loan in full		1,000 00
"	16.	"	"	Levi House, part principal on new loan		30 00
Apr.	17.	"	"	Seminary Agent, gift for endowment J. H. Good professorship from Rev. J. H. Steele		25 00
"	17.	"	"	Seminary Agent, gift for endowment from E. Layes		10 00
May	7.	"	"	Seminary Agent, per Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl., part princp. on am't assumed by First Church, Tiffin		5 30
"	7.	"	"	Sem. Agt., per J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl., part principal on amount assumed Fostoria Charge		4 78
"	13.	"	"	Jacob Schneider, mortgage loan in full		800 00
"	20.	"	"	Seminary Agent, gift of Sarah M. Wolf, for endowment.		50 00
"	15.	"	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Tr. Miami Classis, on principal Greenville Church debt, from Xenia Charge		5 04
"	27.	"	"	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan		100 00
June	12.	"	"	Sam'l Krider, adm'r Hoover est., balance on note in full.		49 12
"	16.	"	"	Mrs. Lautenschlager, princp. in full of husband's note		10 00
"	18.	"	"	Rev. A. E. Baichly, bal. of principal Zwingli Mem. note.		10 00
July	1.	"	"	Jacob Schifferly, principal on note		25 00
"	12.	"	"	Mrs. C. Sandau, balance on princp. of husband's note		200 00
						$4,665 66
Sept.	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, Fremont Charge, of March 10	$24 95	
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan note, W. A. Miller, March 11	2 00	
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, Navarre Charge, August 7	21 42	
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, First Ch., Tiffin, Sept. 10.	27 00	
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, Fremont Charge, Sept. 10	8 30	
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, Columbiana Charge, Sept. 10	26 30	
"	23.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, First Ch., Tiffin, Sept. 21	1 00	
						110 97
"	26.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Special Plan, Bloomville, July 4	3 20	
"	26.	"	"	Sem. Agt., payment Spec. Plan, Lima, Aug 1	2 00	
"	26.	"	"	Sem. Agt., paym't Sp. Plan, Bellevue, Sept. 19.	21 00	
						26 20
"	27.	"	"	Sem. Agt., New Lisbon, Sept. 27		28 90
Oct.	3.	"	"	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Cl., principal on amount assumed		4 06
"	3.	"	"	Sem. Agt., New Lisbon Charge, Oct. 3	50	
"	3.	"	"	Sem. Agt., Bellevue Charge, Oct. 2	32 25	
						32 75
						$4,868 54

SUMMARY—ENDOWMENT RECEIPTS.

From notes and loans paid	$4,474 64	
From Seminary agent's hands	393 90	
		$4,868 54

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1888.	FUNDS INVESTED.	CR.
Oct. 29.	By loan to N. M. Gill, Dayton, O., first mortgage	$425 00
Dec. 17.	" " N. M. Gill, Dayton, O., first mortgage	610 00
1889.		
Feb. 2.	" " Thos. Cavanaugh Dayton, O., first mortgage	900 00
Mar. 16.	" " Levi House, Preble Co., first mortgage	1,260 00
" 22.	" " Mrs. Cora B. Newby, Dayton, O., first mortgage	750 00
" 23.	" " August Ruch Dayton, O., first mortgage	350 00
" 25.	" " Mrs. Cora B. Newby, Dayton. O. first mortgage	75 00
July 24.	" " Mary E. Davis, Dayton, O., first mortgage	100 00
" 26.	" " Josephine Regan, Dayton, O., first mortgage	70 00
Oct. 3, 1889, by balance on hand		328 54
		$4,868 54

DR. J. I. SWANDER FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 1, '88. To cash balance on hand	$222 20	
Sept. 27, '89. To cash from Im. Use ac't., interest to May 29, 1889	13 33	
Oct. 1, '89. By balance		$235 53
	$235 53	$235 53

Salaries of Professors—Statement of Accounts.

PROF. HERMAN RUST, D. D., ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '88. To balance due this date	$1,300 57	
Oct. 1, '89. Due on salary one year to date	950 00	
Oct. 1, '88, to Oct. 3. '89, by cash paid on salary		944 20
Oct. 3, '89. By balance due this date		1,305 87
	$2,250 57	$2,250 57

PROF. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D., ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '89. To salary from Sept. 6, '88, to date	$1,284 00	
Oct. 3, '89. By cash on salary during the year		1,272 92
Oct. 3, '89. By balance due this date		11 08
	$1,284 00	$1,284 00

PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH.D., ACCOUNT.

To salary to Oct. 1, 1889	$227 77	
By cash paid on salary during year		227 77
	$227 77	$227 77

Bills Payable—Money Borrowed to Pay.

One note to G. W. Williard, D. D., Treasurer Heidelberg College, @ 7 per cent. interest paid to March 19, 1889	$300 00
One note to Margaret Ankeney @ 7 per cent., dated May 21, 1889	500 00
One note to Rev. J. H. Steele, @ 7 per cent. interest paid to May 29, 1889	100 00
One note to Mrs. Susan H. Good, @ 6 per cent. interest paid to April 6, 1889	530 00
Total bills payable	$1,430 00

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.*

4. *Report of Board of Visitors and of Education.*

To the Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board was re-organized by the re-election of Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander for President, and continuing Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of Revs. Drs. H. Rust, D. Van Horne, A. S. Zerbe, L. H. Kefauver and Prof. R. Good. The principal part of the business that claimed the attention of the Board during the year was transacted by its Executive Committee, which held frequent meetings.

As the years roll on and each cycle brings to light new enterprises and institutions, and improvements in old ones, we feel warranted in the declaration that our Seminary is not an exception to the latter class. With feelings of gratitude for the good that has been accomplished in the past, we rejoice in the present favorable condition of our school of the prophets, and also in its future prospects. This is true especially with reference to the teaching force in the Seminary. And while this is the case, the number of students, which is not as large as we could desire, will most certainly be on the increase. The professors are assiduously engaged in their labors, which are producing good fruit. The students are pursuing their studies with an unusual degree of interest and good success. All this was demonstrated by the examinations which took place at the close of the Seminary year in May last. The addresses, by the graduates at the commencement exercises, were of a high order, eliciting the encomiums of the audience, and showing that the art of sacred eloquence receives its share of attention. Pains are taken to cultivate a high degree of moral and spiritual sentiment among both the professors and students, so as to avoid the danger of falling into the routine work of the study and the class-room, to the neglect of the spiritual duties so necessary to an effective ministry.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Joseph B. Mehr, a member of the senior class, which occurred at Portsmouth, Ohio, in the month of August, while successfully supplying a German congregation at that place, with the gospel. Brother Mehr was a diligent student, and had his life been spared to the church, would have become one of its useful ministers.

After having stood approved examinations, the following persons were recommended for graduation and were regularly dismissed from the Seminary: viz, Messrs Daniel N. Frantz, Henry Gramm, Conrad Hassel, Harry L. Beam and Albert H. Zechiel. These young brethren are all serving pastoral charges with acceptance. The students who matriculated in the Seminary at its opening this year, are Messrs. J. D. Buehrer, Frederick Emmer, James S. Keppel, Parley E. Zartman, Irwin M. Beaver, A. Frank Henning and Morgan A. Peters. The Seminary as constituted at present comprises three professors, five seniors and six juniors.

EDUCATION.

In the line of Beneficiary Education your Board has done what it could with the means placed at its disposal. During the last year twenty students received aid, but not all of them the full appropriation. Four of this number graduated in the Seminary and need not the help of the Board any longer. The following persons were added to the list of beneficiaries: viz. Messrs. Willis H. Souder, H. J. Christman, J. W. Miller, J. V. McMillen, Otis Harter, J. D. Buehrer and Frederick Emmer. These young men came highly recommended by pastors, consistories and classes, as not only being worthy of aid from your Board, but also as being in need of it. These additions increase the list of beneficiaries over last year to twenty-two. Others have applied for aid, but for the want of funds and failure to reach the required standard of scholarship, their names could not be enrolled with beneficiary students. With the number in the Seminary and College classes, the wisdom of the rule granting aid to none below the freshman class in their studies, has been proven.

The rule for refunding moneys received by beneficiary students being objectionable to many friends of the cause of Beneficiary Education, the following action of the Board is submitted to your reverend body for consideration: viz.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Ohio Synod for adoption the following rules in substitution for numbers 9 and 11 of the present rules.

9. The beneficiary aid advanced to any student preparing for the work of the gospel ministry, under the care of this Board, is not regarded as a loan to be refunded by the recipient, but as a cheerful contribution towards the expense of his education, subject to the conditions named in rules 10 and 11.

10. Any young man under the care of this Board, who may voluntarily abandon his purpose to prepare himself for the ministry, or who may be discontinued in consequence of a failure to comply with the rules of the Board, or who after graduation does not continue in the active ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States for at least ten years, unless in the judgment of the Board or Executive Committee is providentially hindered, shall be required to pay back, at once, the amount he may have received.

11. The above named obligation, required in rule 8, covering the entire amount advanced, shall be secured by bondsmen, or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the Board, or Executive Committee.

The Standing Committee on Nominations will please take notice that the term of office, for which Revs. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, J. J. Leberman, I. A. Sites and Mr. John Keller were elected, expires at the present meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

5. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	$400 18	
" " Elder E. R. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	357 42	
" " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis	257 45	
" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis	167 06	
" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	152 72	
" " Rev. W. H. Xanders, Treasurer St. Joseph Classsis	174 00	
Amount received on apportionments		$1,508 83

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

From J. C. Nunemacher, per Rev. D. Van Horne	$10 00	
" From Prospect Charge, per Rev. D. A. Winter	10 00	
" Mrs. Christian Foucht, per Rev. H. S. Gekeler	10 00	
Refunded by Ellsworth Kunkle	2 50	
" " Rev. S. N. Snyder	50 00	
" " Wm. A. Bodell	154 76	
Interest on Carson bequest, per Rev. G. W. Williard	60 24	
" " S. Brinker bequest	56 00	
" " S. A. Hivling bequest	79 50	
" " J. G. Lefler bequest	246 00	
		$679 00
To cash on hand October 3, 1888		22 17
		$2,210 00

CR.

By cash paid Beneficiary Students	$1,830 00	
Paid for postage and stationery	1 35	
Paid interest on money borrowed	31 73	
		$1,863 08
Balance in Treasury October 2, 1889		346 92
		$2,210 00

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Bequest of Sarah Brinker	$800 00	
" " S. A. Hivling (estimated)	1,000 00	
" " J. G. Lefler	3,500 00	
Interest on Brinker bequest	56 00	
" " Hivling bequest	79 50	
" " Lefler bequest	254 00	
To balance account	100 00	
		$5,789 50

CR.

Promissory note of Rev. M. Mueller	$800 00	
Certificate of R. R. Stock, (20 shares, estimated)	1,000 00	
Promissory note of C. C. Park	3,000 00	
" " H. T. Heller	600 00	
Paid interest to Contingent Fund	389 50	
" " Treasurer, on loan	8 00	
		$5,789 50

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and considered, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would herewith respectfully report.

The following documents have been referred to this committee: viz, The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Education, and those of the Board of Trustees, and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

From various causes we are able to sound a keynote of well founded hopefulness such as have been foreign to the reports of this committee for some years.

We congratulate synod upon her manifold reasons for thankfulness to Him whose gospel our seminary is so successfully training young men to proclaim.

Among the causes of this brightened outlook are; the thorough professorial equipment of the institution at the present time; the consequent revival of confidence in it throughout the church, and the successful work of our efficient and energetic agent, who, for nine months, has been bestowing consecrated effort, not merely upon the raising of funds, but, what is far more important, seeking to revolutionize the whole financial system, by placing it upon a basis of principle rather than of mere fit and start emotionalism. The several reports dwell at length upon the present favorable condition of things in the Seminary work.

The occupants of various chairs are zealously discharging their duties as teachers and trainers. The eleven students enrolled are showing an unusual degree of earnestness in, and devotion to their work. There are twenty-two young men, having the ministry in view, receiving financial aid, and a small balance reported in the Beneficiary Treasury.

The Agent reports that the claims of the seminary have been personally presented to fifty-seven congregations, and that a cordial welcome was given him everywhere. He has been vigorously pushing the plan for securing a definite, immediate income, both in person, and by correspondence.

Your committee rejoices in the firm belief that the seminary is steadily emerging from the clouds of depression and discouragement that had gathered about it, and that henceforth it is assured of the warm confidence and liberal support of our church.

The following resolutions are suggested for your action.

Resolved, That the reports of the Board of Trustees; of the Board of

Education; of the Treasurer of the Seminary and of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, be adopted and their recommendations earnestly urged upon the members of synod.

Resolved, That we apportion $2,000 for Beneficiary Education, and that congregations in arrears have their attention called to that inexcusable fact.

Resolved, That the "plan of systematic giving," already adopted by synod, be continued, and that all ministers and members be urged to co-operate in pushing it to a successful issue.

Resolved, That we endeavor to secure a special observance of Reformation Day in every charge of the synod, and that ministers be urged to fittingly improve this opportunity by presenting to the young men the claims of the gospel ministry upon them; and by gathering funds for the immediate use of the seminary.

Resolved, That we approve of the rules recommended by the Board of Education as substitutes for rules 9 and 11 of the present rules.

Resolved, That we express our warm approval of the work and methods of Seminary Agent Ankeney, and extend him a pressing invitation to visit our charges in the interests of the institution he represents.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S PAPERS AND ACCOUNTS.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported in item 7, that a committee was appointed to examine the records, notes, papers, accounts and moneys, in the hands of the Treasurer and to transfer them to the new Treasurer. Thereupon the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

To the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Ohio Synod, Reformed Church in the United States.

The committee appointed to examine the papers and securities in the hands of the Treasurer, Horace Ankeney, of Alpha, Ohio, coming into his hands from the former Treasurer, Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, have discharged their duty and find:

1. Twenty-one thousand, four hundred and thirteen dollars and nineteen cents ($21,413.19) in first mortgage notes.

2. Notes payable after death to the amount of three thousand, three hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents. ($3,348.32). This amount includes the $500 of Daniel Hapner for Beneficiary Education.

3. Zwingli Memorial notes to the amount of one thousand and eighty-six dollars. ($1,086).

4. Notes called good to the amount of one thousand, eight hundred and fifteen dollars. ($1,815).

5. Notes and Plainfield Bonds to the amount of four thousand, seven hundred and sixty dollars and ninety-two cents, ($4,760.92) regarded as worthless by the former Treasurer, and also by the Board, as well as by the present Treasurer.

6. Doubtful, three thousand, three hundred and eighty-one dollars and eight cents. ($3,381.08).

The Treasurer had in his hands, sixty-six dollars and 10 cents of Endowment Fund, and of Current Expense Fund, for Dr. Zerbe's salary, two hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty cents. The Treasurer having advanced this amount, viz: $222,20, he balanced his books and was able in this way to report the Treasurer of the Board as not in debt to Horace Ankeney.

The books, so far as your committee were able to judge, were in good and regular form, and all papers belonging to the Treasurer had been placed into Bro. Ankeney's hands.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HALE,
WM. KEFAUVER, *Committee.*

IV. REPORT ON RELATION, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SYNODICAL BOARDS.

As reported by the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 8, during Saturday afternoon session, a committee was appointed to define the relation, functions and duties of the several synodical boards. This committee, during Monday morning sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by the synod to consider whether any further action was necessary in regard to the relation, functions and duties of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Education of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and if deemed necessary to have some further action adopted to define what that action should be, would respectfully report:

That we have given the whole subject a thorough and candid examination, and find that former actions in the premises, however honestly formulated and sincerely presented, do require some changes and modifications in order to harmonize the objects of the organization, and the relative function and duties of those Boards with respect to the seminary and to each other; and thereby gain an intelligent idea and clear understanding thereof, and enable each Board to follow a proper line of work in its legitimate sphere of activity.

These three Boards, being authorized agencies of the synod to do a particular part of one great work, should ever be animated by the same spirit, moved by the same motives, and prompted by the same purpose to be mutually helpful in securing the common end desired. But while this is true and desirable, there are also certain interests and duties legitimately requiring the special attention of each of these Boards

respectively; and, it is believed, that just in proportion as each of them will properly perform the work assigned, will the synod's object of official appointment be realized and the success of the seminary secured. Each Board, therefore, should know definitely what the synod desires and expects in the premises, and thus become fully prepared to serve the synod with the greatest degree of satisfaction and with the best possible results. To this end, viewed in the light of the Constitution, the general practice of other theological seminaries, and the anticipated results to be achieved, your committee would recommend, with respect to the functions and duties of each Board, the following for adoption:

I. The Board of Trustees.

1. The trustees are the legal representatives of the seminary in matters of law, conveyances, bequests, legacies, funds, property, &c.
2. The permanent endowment of the seminary, the plan and manner of securing it, and the judicious investment and successful management by the Board of all the endowment funds obtained.
3. The holding in trust of all property for the use and benefit of the seminary, and the preservation and improvement of said property.
4. The devising and suggesting of plans and means, whenever necessary, whereby funds may be provided for the immediate use and adequate support of the seminary.
5. The custody and disbursement of the funds, as prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation, the constitution of the seminary, and the rules and regulations of the synod and the Board.

II. The Board of Visitors.

1. The Board of Visitors have the general oversight of the internal working and discipline of the seminary; of the character, conduct and teaching of the Professors; and of their work and influence in the institution, and of their relation to the students.
2. The examination, in connection with the Faculty, of all applicants for regular admission as students; and the discipline to be exercised over the students, and their relation to the Professors.
3. The observance of the students in the seminary, with respect to their diligence and progress in their studies, their moral character and standing, and their religious habits and example.
4. The supervising of the subjects taught, the methods and manner of instruction, and the regular examinations in the seminary.
5. To exercise careful oversight of the Course of Study in regard to its length and fullness, its different branches, and the general character and adaptation of the text-books used.
6. The honorable dismission to the respective classes of all those students who have completed the full course of study and graduated regularly from the seminary.
7. To have charge, together with the Faculty, of all the arrangements

for the Commencement Exercises or graduation of students who shall have completed the regular course of theological study.

8. To receive the resignation of any of the Professors, who, at any time, may wish to sever his connection with the seminary, and to communicate the same to the synod; and also to fill temporarily any vacancy in the teaching force of the seminary that may be occasioned by the death, resignation, absence or suspension of any Professor.

III. The Board of Education.

The Board of Education in its sphere of duty is

1. To endeavor to increase the number of students for the gospel ministry, and to devise and suggest the plan or manner in which this desirable result may or can be accomplished.

2. To keep an oversight of all the beneficiary students, both in the college and seminary, and take cognizance of their application and progress in their studies, as well as of their moral character and conduct.

3. To devise and suggest means for securing the necessary funds to sustain the cause of beneficiary education, to act as the custodians of all bequests and legacies in behalf of this cause, and to receive and pay out all moneys to beneficiaries according to the prescribed rules and regulations of the board.

4. To report regularly to the different classes, respecting the standing, conduct, habits and scholarship of the beneficiary students under the care of those classes respectively.

5. To submit annually a report to synod of its work, of the deportment and success of the beneficiary students, the condition of the funds, and the results achieved.

IV. Comparative and Co-operative Work.

While each of these Boards has a specific part or work to perform, the three Boards, having a common origin, definite purpose and noble mission in accomplishing a blessed object, should ever be mutually co-operative and helpful in promoting the general interest and welfare of the seminary; and also in increasing its efficiency, in extending its usefulness, in encouraging its agencies, in enlarging its library, and in crowning its operations with great success.

To this end, the three boards should not only strive to do faithful and earnest work in their special sphere respectively, but endeavor in their mutual and co-ordinate relation to be of one mind and spirit, to be co-operative in the common work in which they are engaged, to discharge their legitimate functions and duties with fidelity, to keep posted in regard to the needs and wants of the seminary, to devise "ways and means" to relieve its wants by substantial support, to put forth united efforts to gather in students having the gospel ministry in view, and to do all in their power by mutual conferences and co-operative work to promote the interests and efficiency of the seminary.

And to give meaning and effect to this report, we recommend for adoption the following action:

Resolved, That all resolutions and actions of the synod, heretofore adopted, and being in conflict with the foregoing definitions of the respective relations, functions and duties of the said three Boards of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, be and hereby are revoked and annulled. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for Heidelberg Theological Seminary, referred to in item 8 of the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, submitted their report after the opening of the session on Monday morning. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY CONSTITUTION.

The Special Committee appointed by the Synod at its annual meeting in 1888 to prepare a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, would respectfully submit the following report:

1. That, as preliminary to the presentation of the result of the work directly intrusted to us, it may be said, that we examined the Minutes of the Ohio Synod from 1850 to 1888, and found that at different times a committee had been appointed to draft a Constitution of the Theological Seminary, but that according to the official record no such constitution was ever reported to or adopted by the synod.

2. That we also found that neither the Board of Trustees nor the Board of Visitors had ever adopted, in any full and complete form, a constitution and by-laws for their government. The latter of these Boards, after being consolidated with the Board of Education in 1880, was indeed governed by certain rules and regulations, but these were not co-extensive with the original purpose of the organization of the Board, or with the scope of its official functions and required duties.

3. That the Board of Education in 1880 became an incoporated body according to law, and with the approval of the synod adopted a Constitution and By-Laws for its government, indicating the powers belonging to it and the duties required of it, including as aforesaid certain rules and regulations for the Board of Visitors. But, in order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding, and to simplify and harmonize all pertaining to the relative and legitimate functions and duties of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Education, as designed by the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, it is hereby recommended that the following changes and modifications be made in the By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Education, to wit:

1.) That section 1 of the By-Laws of the Board of Education, as published in the Minutes of Synod, 1880, page 41, be so modified as to read:

The Board of Education, which is also to be a Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary until otherwise directed by the synod, shall be governed by this Constitution and these By-Laws.

2.) That sections 8 and 9 of the said By-Laws of the Board, contained in Minutes of Synod, 1880, page 42, be so modified and condensed as to form one section, and this section to be section 8, and to read as follows:

The Board of Education, through its proper officers, shall present at each annual meeting of synod a detailed report of its work during the current year, with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed necessary.

3.) That with respect to the five "Rules" prescribed for the guidance of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, adopted by synod and published in the minutes of 1880, pages 45 and 46, it is recommended that the following action be adopted:

Resolved, That the said five "Rules" be and are hereby rescinded and expunged, in as much as the requirements and duties therein contained, relating to the Board of Visitors, are embodied in substance in the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

4.) That, with the view of bringing all the laws, rules and regulations of the seminary into a convenient compass, so that they may be easily referred to, examined and compared, it is proposed that the subjoined action be adopted:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Education, modified and amended as aforesaid, he embodied in the printed Minutes of Synod in connection with the proposed Constitution and General By-Laws of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Now, after having made these preliminary statements, including suggestions and recommendations, we, as your committee, would herewith submit, as the result of our investigation and labor, the following Constitution and By-Laws of Heidelberg Theological Seminary for the consideration and adoption of the same by the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER,
DAVID VAN HORNE,
JOHN T. DERR.
Committee.

As presented by the committee in connection with the foregoing report, and acted on article by article, and then adopted as a whole, the following is the

CONSTITUTION

OF THE HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REEORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE I.

Name and Object of the Seminary.

SECTION 1. The general name of this Institution shall be the Heidelberg Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Tiffin, Ohio.

SEC. 2. The object of this Seminary shall be to educate men of approved piety and talents for the Gospel Ministry; to cultivate in them the gifts which Christ, the great Head of the Church, confers by his Spirit upon those whom he calls to the sacred office; to provide for the Reformed Church an adequate supply and succession of able and faithful ministers of the Word; to furnish our congregations with intelligent and efficient pastors, who shall watch for the good of souls, zealously aiming to win them to the Savior, and build up the membership in faith, knowledge and holiness; to preserve the unity of the church, by educating her ministers in an enlightened attachment, not only to the same doctrine, but also to the same system of government and cultus; and to found a nursery for the training and qualifying of young men, under the Divine blessing, to be missionaries to the heathen and to such as are destitute of the stated preaching of the gospel of grace and salvation.

SEC. 3. This Seminary, with the view of accomplishing the objects desired, shall be under the general government and direction of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which shall from time to time appoint the necessary Boards and Agencies to carry into effect the plans, decrees and measures of said synod, for the purpose of furthering the interests and operations of said seminary.

ARTICLE II.

Board of Visitors.

SEC. 4. The Board of Visitors of the Seminary shall consist of twelve members, of whom one-third shall be elected annually by the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, and hold their office respectively for three years, and until their successors are elected; and five members of the Board, being met at the time and place appointed, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The members of this Board shall also compose the Board of Education, until otherwise ordered by the Ohio Synod.

SEC. 5. The Board shall elect annually, from its own number, a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and such other officers as may

be deemed necessary, who shall hold their offices from the time of their election until the next annual meeting, and until their successors are duly elected.

SEC. 6. The President, or in case of his absence or inability to act, the Vice-President, shall preside at all the meetings of the Board, and perform such other duties as the Board may appoint.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall keep a full and true record of the transactions of the Board, have in custody all the records, books and papers, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct.

SEC. 8. The Board shall annually appoint from its own number an Executive Committee of five persons, of whom the President and Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members, and three members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee shall have power to attend to all matters of business during the interim or recesses of the Board, when such become necessary.

SEC. 9. The principle place of business of the Board shall be Tiffin, Ohio.

SEC. 10. The Board shall hold two annual meetings; the one at synod, at 8 A. M., after the day of their election, or as soon thereafter as possible, for the purpose of organization by the election of officers and the appointment of the Executive Committee; and the other at Tiffin, at 2 o'clock on the commencement day of the Seminary. The Board may also meet at any other time on its own adjournment, and on extraordinary occasions at the call of the President.

SEC. 11. The Board shall have charge of the inauguration of the Professors of the Seminary, and order and direct all matters relating to the place and time as well as the form and manner of the services pertaining thereto.

SEC. 12. The Board of Visitors, in whom is vested the general supervision of the Theological Seminary, shall examine into the whole course of its instruction and study, superintend by itself or by a committee, the annual examinations of the students, appoint such other exercises in connection therewith as may be deemed proper, and endeavor to promote the interests and efficiency of the Institution.

SEC. 13. The Board shall carefully inspect the method, fidelity and devotion of the Professors in the work they are severally engaged, and keep a strict oversight in regard to their doctrinal teaching, their moral conduct, and their influence exerted; and if, at any time, for cause, it shall be deemed necessary to institute proceedings of discipline against a Professor of the Seminary, the Board shall be guided in its procedure by the provisions of the constitution of the church. In case of the removal of a Professor by death, resignation or otherwise, the Board shall temporarily supply the vacancy.

SEC. 14. The Board shall annually submit to the Ohio Synod, in written form, a full and faithful report of the working and condition

of the Seminary, as well as of the transactions of the Board, and also when required, furnish its records for the inspection of the synod.

ARTICLE III.

The Professors.

SEC. 15. No person shall be eligible to the office of Professor of Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, who is not a regularly ordained minister of the Word in good standing, and whose views are not in accord with the standard of faith and doctrines of the Reformed Church in the United States, and who does not approve its mode of government, forms of worship, and distinctive customs.

SEC. 16. The Professors of the Seminary shall be elected by the Ohio Synod, which shall from time to time establish Professorships therein, and also determine the number, titles, duties and salaries of the Professors.

SEC. 17. Every Professor, at the time of his inauguration, shall in the public assembly solemnly affirm the formulated declaration contained in the Constitution, as by an oath in the presence of God, and subscribe the same recorded in a book kept for that purpose; and thereby obligate himself to make the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures and the truth of the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the *basis* of all his instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in his preaching and writing, as well as in his instructions, so long as he shall continue a Professor in the Seminary.

SEC. 18. The professors shall be of equal rank and authority one with another; and each Professor shall have the right to conduct the course of instruction in the studies assigned to his particular department, to preserve order and secure attention therein, and to appoint such other exercises of religious worship in connection therewith as he may deem proper and beneficial for the students.

SEC. 19. Every Professor, if required, shall lay before the Board of Visitors a true and full statement of all the text-books used by him, and of his course and methods of instruction, and shall treat with respectful consideration any suggestion or advice the Board may give.

SEC. 20. The Professors are specially charged, by all proper means in their power, to encourage, cherish and promote devotion and personal piety among their students, both by precept and example.

SEC. 21. When special duties are assigned to any of the Professors, either by the Faculty or the Board of Visitors, such duties shall be performed without extra compensation, unless special provision shall have been previously made for such compensation by the Board of Trustees, at the instance of the Board of Visitors.

SEC. 22. When a Professor desires or intends to resign his office, he shall in written form notify the President of the Board of Visitors of his intention at least six months before his resignation shall take place, and this notice shall be duly entered upon the minutes of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.

The Faculty.

SEC. 23. The Faculty shall consist of the President and Professors of the Seminary, and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 24. The President shall be elected by the Board of Visitors during its annual meeting, and he shall have the general oversight of the seminary. He shall preside at the meetings of the Faculty, (and in his absence any member may be appointed to preside), and discharge such other duties as properly belong to his office; and in behalf of the Faculty submit annually a report of the work and condition of the seminary to the Board of Visitors, with such suggestions and recommendations as may tend to promote the prosperity and efficiency of the institution.

SEC. 25. The Faculty shall appoint from their own number a Secretary, who shall keep a true and faithful record of their proceedings in a book provided for the purpose, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office, or as may be appointed by the Faculty.

SEC. 26. The Faculty shall have the immediate care, instruction and government of the students, subject to the advice and direction of the Board of Visitors; regularly admit and dismiss students; determine their proper classification and daily duties; and exercise paternal and watchful care over them.

SEC. 27. The Faculty shall fix the time and place of their own meetings, which shall be held as often as the interests of the seminary may require; be faithful in the work of instruction and discipline; and mutually co-operate in efforts to carry forward the work of the Institution with success.

SEC. 28. The Faculty shall have power, and it shall be their duty:

1.) To appoint the portion of the time and the particular hours that the students shall attend the instructions of the Professors respectively, and direct all the public exercises of the seminary.

2.) To determine and arrange the Course of Study and select the Text Books to be used, subject to the approval of the Board of Visitors.

3.) To enforce the laws and exactments of the Synod and the Board of Visitors, and they may add such rules of order, decorum and duty for the conduct of students as may be deemed necessary.

4.) To keep a regular Register, in which shall be entered the name of each and every student, his place of residence, and the church of which he is a member; the Classis, if any, of which he is a candidate; the College, if any, of which he is a graduate; and the time of his entering, and the time and mode of his leaving the Seminary.

SEC. 29. The Faculty, as a body, shall have joint advisory oversight of the conduct of each individual Professor, as to the manner in which his duties are discharged and the results achieved.

ARTICLE V.

Students—Their Admission and Duties.

SEC. 30. The qualifications required in every person, desiring to be admitted into Heidelberg Theological Seminary with the view of preparing for the gospel ministry, are these: he must furnish testimonials that he is a member of the Reformed Church, or of some other evangelical church, in regular standing; that he sustains an approved reputation of Christian character and life; that he is possessed of good natural talents; that he has an adequate preparatory education, equivalent to that of the classical or scientific course of Heidelberg College, or submit to an examination by the Faculty, subject to the approval of the Board of Visitors; and that, if from another theological seminary, a written certificate of good standing and honorable dismission.

SEC. 31. Every student, at the time of his admission into the Seminary, as a pledge that his life and conduct shall be consistent with the holy ministry which he has in view, shall subscribe the following declared engagement, in a book kept for that purpose, in the presence of the Faculty, namely:

"Deeply impressed with a sense of my duty to God and this Seminary, I do hereby solemnly promise that I will diligently prosecute my assigned studies and attend regularly on all the instructions and exercises of the Seminary; that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations established for its instruction and government, as far as the same relate to the students; that I will readily obey the lawful requisitions and duly respect the counsel and admonitions of the Professors, the Faculty and the Board of Visitors; and that I will observe and do, according to the best of my knowledge, all other things pertaining to my relation and duties as a student of theology in the Seminary, while I shall continue a member thereof."

SEC. 32. Equal privileges of admission and instruction, with all the advantages of the Institution, shall be allowed to students of every evangelical denomination of Christians.

SEC. 33. The Classes formed under the Constitution of the Seminary shall be divided, according to the respective years of the Course of Study, into Junior, Middle and Senior Classes; and students may be admitted into either of these classes, provided they shall be found qualified by the Faculty on actual examination.

SEC. 34. The work of the students in their studies shall be directed by the Professors, and diligence and industry in study shall be considered indispensable in every student, as well as exemplary moral conduct, and cleanliness and neatness in dress and habits.

SEC. 35. Students, besides their regular recitations, shall write upon subjects as the Professors may assign them or as the students may select with the approval of the Professors, and every member of the Senior and

Middle Classes shall present a prepared sermon to the Board of Visitors for examination at the annual meeting.

SEC. 36. No student shall absent himself from recitations, or from the institution, without permission from the President, or one of the Professors, and in case any student shall be absent four weeks without leave, his connection with the Seminary shall cease at the discretion of the Faculty.

SEC. 37. Any student, who, after matriculation, withdraws during term time from the Seminary, shall not be allowed to resume his connection with the Institution, without permission of the Faculty.

SEC. 38. If any student shall be guilty of any immorality, violation of rules, indiscretion or impropriety of deportment, negligence in study or other duties, he shall be called to account, and be subjected to whatever discipline or penalty the Faculty may prescribe.

ARTICLE VI.

The Course of Study.

SEC. 39. The regular Course of Study in the Seminary, embracing a period of three years, shall include all the essential elements of a thorough theological education, as prepared by the Faculty, with the approval of the Board of Visitors and the Ohio Synod; and no student shall be admitted into the Seminary with the view to pursue any other than the prescribed course, nor be dismissed with a view to abridge his full course except in a special or extraordinary case, at the discretion of the Faculty.

SEC. 40. The regular instructions of the students, prescribed in the course, shall be given by the Professors, and in case of an imergency or necessity, by such other persons as shall be appointed by the Board of Visitors or the Executive Committee, for the time being.

SEC. 41. Miscellaneous and occasional lectures, which may take place, shall be under the direction of the Faculty.

ARTICLE VII.

Board of Trustees.

SEC. 42. This board shall be known by its corporate name and title, as *The Board of Trustees of Heidleberg Theological Seminary*, and shall consist of fifteen members, one-third of whom shall be elected annually by Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and, when so elected, shall serve for a term of three years, and until their successors shall have been elected. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies in its own membership that may occur during the current year by resignation, death, or otherwise, and such appointment shall be valid for the unexpired term until the next annual meeting of Synod. Six members regularly convened at any meeting of the Board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, excepting the purchase

and conveyance of real estate, the planning and erection of buildings for the use of the Seminary, and matters of an extraordinary character, which shall require an affirmative vote of not less than eight members. Any two members so met may adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

SEC. 43. The Board shall annually elect, from their own number by ballot, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold their office respectively until their successors are elected.

SEC. 44. The President, and in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and see that due notice be given to each member of all the meetings, and perform such other duties as naturally belong to his office and as the Board shall appoint.

SEC. 45. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all the proceedings of the Board, give the notices for its meetings as directed by the President, and perform such other duties as relate to his office, and as shall be assigned by the Board. The minutes and the records, of which he is custodian shall at all times be open for the inspection of the Board.

SEC. 46. The Treasurer shall be required to give bond with satisfactory security for the faithful performance of his duties, and when approved by the Board or Finance Committee, it shall be filed with the Secretary. And it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a true and accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed; to have the custody of all books of account, securities, and other papers and documents relating to the finances; to disburse funds according to the order and direction of the Board; and to present to the Board annually, and oftener when required, a clear and full report of the state of the finances, and the transactions of the current year.

SEC. 47. The Board shall annually appoint from its own number a Finance Committee of five persons, of which the President, Vice-President and Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Thrse members shall constitute a quorum, and the Committee, during the interim or recesses of the Board, may transact any business not requiring an affirmative vote of eight in the Board. The Committee shall keep accurate minutes of its proceedings, and submit a report of its transactions to the Board whenever required.

SEC. 48. The Board of Trustees, subject in all things to the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, shall have in charge all the property and funds of the Seminary, whether real, personal or mixed, now possessed, or hereafter acquired by purchase, gift donation, collection, grant, bequest or otherwise, with power to contract, execute, collect, receive, invest, control, direct, buy, sell, or otherwise hold or dispose of the same as an endowment in trust for the use and benefit of the said Seminary. The objects to be specially and immediately aimed at in the management of the said property and funds shall be the current support of the Seminary on a substantial and effective *basis;* the disburse-

ment of the funds for which they were appropriated or contributed; and at intervals the collection of additional funds or property for the gradual enlargement of the Library.

SEC. 49. All permanent funds established for the support and advancement of the Seminary shall be sacredly preserved inviolate by the Trustees, and it shall not be lawful for any Board, Association or person to withdraw, or borrow, for any purpose, from any such fund, any money, securities or property, without at the same time placing to the credit of such fund or property a value clearly and fully equivalent; and all moneys or fuuds on hand shall be invested on mortgage or other approved security.

SEC. 50. The Board shall also, through its Treasurer, pay as stipulated the salaries of the Professors, and the other necessary and current expenses of the Seminary.

SEC. 51. The Board shall annually appoint two of its members an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the accounts, papers and vouchers of the Treasurer, and audit his account and annual report.

SEC. 52. The Board shall annually submit to the Ohio Synod during its annual meeting, and at other times when requested, a full detailed report of the actual condition of the finances of the seminary, and the transactions of the current year.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Library.

SEC. 53. As a Library, carefully selected and properly arranged, is of great value to the Seminary, especially to the students of theology, liberal things should be devised and constant efforts put forth to increase its endowment and resources, so as to give it a high rank among the theological libraries of the land. Donations to the Library, whether of books, or of funds for the purchase of books, or library endowments of any kind, will be gratefully received in behalf of the institution by the Librarian, the Financial Agent of the Seminary, any member of the Faculty, or any member of the Board of Visitors, or of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 54. The Librarian, appointed by the Faculty with the approval of the Board of Visitors, shall have charge of the Library; be responsible for its management and the safe-keeping of the books and papers; enforce the rules and regulations established; and may, with the concurrence of the Faculty, appoint a substitute, who shall, in his temporary absence, perform the duties of the Librarian.

ARTICLE IX.

Professorships.

SEC. 55. The sum of twenty thousand dollars shall be deemed requisite for the founding of a Professorship in Heidelberg Theological Semi-

nary; and any person or persons, who shall pay this amount into the treasury, or bequeath it by will, for this purpose, shall have the privilege of naming the Professorship.

ARTICLE X.

Donations and Endowments.

SEC. 56. All devises, bequests, subscriptions and donations to the funds of the seminary shall be sacredly considered as made to uphold and teach the doctrinal basis contained in Article III, Section 15 of this Constitution, and in Chapter II, Section 2 of the General By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments of Constitution.

SEC. 57. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Visitors at a regular annual meeting of the Board; and such alteration or amendment to take effect, and be in force only when the same shall have been approved by the Ohio Synod; and the said synod, at all times, shall have the power of adding to the Articles of the Constitution of the Seminary, and of abrogating, altering or amending them.

GENERAL BY-LAWS AND RULES.

CHAPTER I.

Rules and Regulations of Boards.

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Education shall have power to make all necessary by-laws, rules and regulations for their government in the transaction of business, and to change and amend the same from time to time; *provided* they be not in conflict with the decrees, acts and resolutions of the Ohio Synod, or the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, or the Laws of the State of Ohio, or the Constitution of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

CHAPTER II.

Doctrinal Standard.

SEC. 2. In matters of faith and doctrine the Confession of Faith, known as the Heidelberg Catechism, embodying fundamentally the truth of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament, shall be the Standard.

CHAPTER III.

Preaching as Students.

SEC. 3. The students of the Junior Class shall not be permitted to preach in term-time during the seminary year.

SEC. 4. The members of the Middle Class may preach occasionally during term-time, on invitation of pastors or congregations, agreeably to the terms of the constitution of the church, with the consent of the Faculty.

SEC. 5. The members of the Senior Class may preach to congregations inviting them to do so, during term-time, according to the provisions of the constitution of the church, and by permission of the Faculty, with a view to ultimate settlement in the pastorate; but they shall not enter into any formal arrangements to supply statedly a charge, congregation or mission in term-time during the seminary year.

SEC. 6. The students, in order to exercise their gifts, are encouraged to do missionary and Sunday-school work during summer vacations, including public addresses or preaching, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the church.

CHAPTER IV.

Dismission of Students.

SEC. 7. The Faculty shall not recommend any student to a classis or synod for licensure before the expiration of his regular course or before the close of the Senior year.

SEC. 8. Every student who has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study, and sustained a creditable examination, with the approval of the Board of Visitors, is entitled to receive the diploma of the institution, signed by the Faculty.

SEC. 9. In case any student pursues only an abridged course, having otherwise complied with the requirements of the seminary, the Faculty shall give him a certificate stating the length of time spent, and the portion of the course of study pursued by him in the seminary.

CHAPTER V.

Graduate Students.

SEC. 10. Persons who have honorably completed a regular course of theological study, including such as may have already entered the ministry, may as graduate students enjoy the privileges of the institution, under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Faculty, in concurrence with the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors.

CHAPTER VI.

Devotional Services.

SEC. 11. The Professors shall accompany their recitations and lectures with prayer as frequently as they may judge proper, in addition to

those daily public prayers or services in the chapel, or in some other place if so directed by the Faculty, on which all the students are required to attend.

CHAPTER VII.

Personal Religion.

SEC. 12. It shall be regarded by all connected with the Seminary, as a matter of primary importance, to lay great stress on Christian character and spiritual life, and to promote a high grade of personal piety in students, as being an essential qualification for eminent usefulness in the ministry.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the Professors, by all proper means, to set forth the nature and obligation of true godliness and the means of promoting it, and to encourage and cherish in the students its life and power, and the unreserved consecration of themselves to God.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the students, remembering their great and peculiar obligations to holiness with its bearing on their usefulness in the ministry, to maintain and promote, by the divinely appointed means, in their own hearts and conduct, the spirit of true and active religion; to observe the public and private ordinances of divine worship, and in all things to have a conversation becoming their Christian relation and profession.

CHAPTER VIII.

Seminary Year.

SEC. 15. The Seminary Year, divided into three terms, shall commence on the first Wednesday in September, and end on the second Wednesday in May following.

CHAPTER IX.

Annual Examination.

SEC. 16. There shall be in each year a public examination of all the classes, beginning on Monday before Commencement Day, and conducted by the Professors, in the presence of the Board of Visitors, or a committee of the same.

CHAPTER X.

Commencement of Seminary.

SEC. 17. The annual commencement exercises of the seminary shall be held on the last day of the seminary year.

SEC. 18. At each commencement the members of the Senior Class, having satisfactorily completed the prescribed course, shall have such part of the program of exercises, as may be ordered and approved by the Faculty.

SEC. 19. The Faculty, if deemed advisable, may take measures to provide for an annual address before the alumni and students of the seminary, either on or before the day of the commencement exercises.

CHAPTER XI.

Reformation Day.

SEC. 20. The Faculty of the Seminary may provide for the proper observance of "Reformation Day" by special service, including addresses or sermons on topics connected with the origin, growth, doctrine and genius of the Reformed Church.

CHAPTER XII.

Societies of the Seminary.

SEC. 21. No Society or Association shall be formed or established by the students of the seminary, without permission of the Faculty; and the constitution and by-laws of all the societies must have the approval of the Faculty, and at all times be open to their inspection.

On motion, Revs. David Van Horne, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, PhD., and Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., during the afternoon session on Monday, were appointed a Committee to define when the new Constitution and General By-Laws for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary shall go into effect, and present a report thereon.

This Committee later in the same session submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee would recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the new Constitution and General By-Laws for the government of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, adopted by this Synod, shall take effect and be in force from this date forward, (Oct., 7, 1889.)

Resolved, However, that the rule requiring the students to pass through the full course of three years' study, be so far modified that the present Senior Class in the Seminary, be requested, and not required, to remain the third year.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In accordance with the action of the Synod, the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Education, which were adopted in 1880, and modified and amended during the present sessions of Synod, are here embodied in the printed minutes, in connection with the general Constitution and By-Laws of Heidelberg Theological Seminary:

I. ITS CONSTITUTION.

The Board of Education of the Ohio Synod is an incorporated body, and the following Articles of Incoporation shall be its Constitution:

1. The name and title of this corporation shall be "*The Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

2. The principle place of business of this Board shall be at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio.

3. The object of this Board shall be to obtain funds by gifts, bequests, collections and otherwise, for the education of pious but indigent young men for the gospel ministry in the Reformed Church in the United States.

4. This body is formed for purposes other than profit.

5. All the property of the corporation, real, personal and mixed, shall be managed by the Trustees in trust for the Board of Education.

6. The following persons shall be the Trustees: Rev. Michael Loucks for one year, Rev. Reuben Good for two years, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., for three years; Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., for four years and Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., for five years, and until their successors are chosen.

7. The members of the Board of Education shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States according to its own rules and regulations.

8. The mode in which the income of the Board shall be applied to reach the end in view, and the conditions under which it shall be given shall be regulated by the By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Education.

II. ITS BY-LAWS.

1. The Board of Education which is also to be a Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary until otherwise directed by the Synod, shall be governed by this Constitution and these By-Laws.

2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board after each annual meeting of Synod.

3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices permanently, that is until they resign or cease to be members of the Board, and until their successors are elected.

4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings and attend to the correspondence of the Board. He shall prepare an annual report to Synod (to be first laid before the Board or Executive Committee, if possible,) and whenever the funds of the Board shall need replenishing, it shall be his duty (in connection with the President) to make appropriate efforts to obtain additional funds, It shall also be his duty to require the signature of each beneficiary student when taken on the Board to two copies of the *Rules of the Board*, one to be kept by the student and one to be deposited with the Secretary

5. The Treasurer shall receive, hold and disburse all funds according to the regulations and directions of the Board.

6. The Board shall hold two annual meetings: one at Synod, at 8 A. M. after the day of their election, for the purpose of organizing, electing a President and Executive Committee; and one at 4 P. M. on the day of the annual commencement of the Theological Seminary.

7. The Executive Committee shall consist of the professors in the Seminary, together with such members resident in Tiffin and vicinity as shall be chosen by the Board, and shall hold their office until their successors are appointed. The Executive Committee shall have power to attend to all business *ad interim*, when such becomes necessary.

8. The Board of Education through its proper officers, shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed report of its work during the current year, with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed necessary.

9. These By-Laws may from time to time be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Board, provided such amendments be submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

10. At any regular or special meeting of the Board, five members present shall constitute a quorum to do business.

11. Whenever rendered necessary the President and Secretary, or the Executive Committee, may call a special meeting of the Board

12. The following shall be the *Rules of the Board* with reference to the young men assisted for the ministry, which shall be printed and strictly enforced:

III. RULES OF THE BOARD.

1. Every young man, applying for aid in the prosecution of his studies for the holy ministry, must give the Board satisfactory evidence that he has given the subject serious and prayerful consideration, and has come to the settled conclusion that he has been called of God to this work, and that he will remain fixed in his present pnrpose.

2. Young men applying for aid must furnish satisfactory testimonials from their Pastors and the Consistories of the congregations to which they belong, of good standing as to their moral and Christian character, and aptness to learn.

3. It is required that all the beneficiaries, receiving aid from this Board, place themselves under the care of one of the Classes of the Synod of Ohio, to which they must report, at least once a year, either in person or in writing, so that the classes may be informed of their moral character and their standing in their studies.

4. This Board shall make an annual report to the several classes of the conduct of students under their special care.

5. All the young men under the care of the Board are expected to maintain an upright and Christian deportment; to give due attention to their studies and recitations; to be punctual in their attendance upon

the religious services connected with the College and Seminary; absolutely to refrain from such tricks and improprieties as are calculated to weaken the moral force of the Institution, and injure the cause of beneficiary education. Any one disregarding these requirements, or absenting himself repeatedly from the regular religious services of the chapel, without being excused by the President of the College, or of the Seminary, shall forfeit his appropriation.

6. The young gentlemen under the care of this Board are enjoined to exercise strict economy and self-denial, so as to make it apparent that they really need the support they receive. They are to contract no debts which they have no means to pay, and to indulge in no unnecessary or expensive habits, such as the use of tobacco, buggy or sleigh-riding, frequent attendance upon concerts, and places of amusement, and such things as would not be approved of, by at least a very large number of those, who contribute the funds with which they are supported.

7. Any one finding it necessary to absent himself from the College, or Seminary, so as to raise funds, by teaching or otherwise, to help him along in his studies, shall obtain permission from the Faculty before leaving, and shall report during his absence from time to time.

8. Every beneficiary, on receiving his appropriation shall sign the following obligation, which shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer for safe keeping:

$..... No.....

One day after date, for value received, I promise to pay to REV. LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, D. D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, or to his successor in office, or order, the sum of..... Dollars.

9. The beneficiary aid advanced to any student preparing for the work of the gospel ministry, under the care of this Board, is not to be regarded as a loan to be refunded by the recipient, but as a cheerful contribution towards the expense of his education, subject to the conditions named in rules 10 and 11.

10. Any young man under the care of this Board who may voluntarily abandon his purpose to prepare himself for the ministry, or who may be discontinued in consequence of a failure to comply with the rules of the Board, or who after graduation does not continue in the active ministry of the Reformed Church. in U. S. for at least ten years, unless in the judgement of the Board or Committee is providentially hindered, shall be required to pay back, at once, the amount he may have received!

11. The above named obligation, required in rule 8, covering the entire amount advanced, shall be secured by bondsmen or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the Board or the Executive Committee.

12. The young men under the care of this Board, are earnestly requested not to enter into matrimonial engagements, at least in the early

part of their course. If any one shall enter the married state, during his course, his appropriation shall cease.

13. Every beneficiary under the care of this Board is enjoined to regard it as an object of primary importance to grow continually in a spirit of enlightened devotion, and fervent piety, deeply impressed with the sentiment that without this, all other acquisitions will be of comparatively little worth either to himself, or the Church. It is, therefore, affectionately recommended to each one that he give himself to the diligent study of the Scriptures and the use of the means of grace, so that while he is advancing in his studies, he may at the same time grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord, and so be an example, in word and in doctrine.

14. Every young man on being received under the care of this Board, shall subscribe to these rules, and promise to conform himself to them, and also use his influence to get all his fellow-students to do the same.

ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph.D., *Vice-President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D. Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. John J. Leberman.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Mr. John M. Kendig. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.
Mr. Albert Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. David W. Ebbert.
Rev. Michael Loucks. Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *President*, Fremont, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Sec.* and *Treas.*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.
Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.
Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D.
Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.
Rev. John J. Leberman.
Rev. Isaac A. Sites.
Prof. Charles O. Knepper.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports having reference to the college were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORT.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Heidelberg College, like most of the colleges of Ohio, is the child of the church. It is well this is so, as the college in this way does not only secure the fostering care and support of the church, but is also made to partake of its life and spirit, so that the education which it imparts is Christian and not merely secular. This is a point of such importance that we wish to give special prominence to it in our report, and would congratulate the synod in the noble work in which it is thus engaged. Knowledge being a power for good or evil as it is used, it is of the utmost importance that the culture which our children receive, be of such a character as to fit them for the best citizenship and most extensive usefulness in life.

Heidelberg College, we are glad to say, has endeavored to remain true to its original character and purpose, so as to meet the expectations of its founders, who were men of prayer and of great religious earnestness. As proof of this it points with pride to the large number of its graduates, who have entered the Christian ministry and are giving their lives to the blessed work of preaching the gospel of Christ, so that the church while it has been liberal in its support has, in turn, been benefitted by the influence and labors of those to whom it has extended the privilege and means of a liberal education.

The work of the college during the last year has been like that of the former, wholly in the interest of Christian education, and has been marked with encouraging results. The attendance and conduct of the students have been gratifying, and give ample proof that the young gentlemen and ladies connected with the college have not only improved intellectually, but have also been strengthened in their endeavors and purposes to fit themselves for eminent usefulness in life. According to the last annual catalogue there were 258 students enrolled in the several departments, which, when we call to mind the many colleges all around, well equipped and largely endowed, is a fair showing and ought to satisfy its friends it is doing a good work.

But while the attendance last year was encouraging, we are pleased to say that the opening of the Fall Term of this year, on the 4th of September, was the largest in the history of the college, giving evidence of its growing popularity. The enrollment of new students for this year to the present time is 80 in the college and academy, 11 in the Theological Seminary, 10 in the Conservatory of of Music, 6 in the Art and 10 in the Commercial department, making 117 in all. The attendance in all the branches is about 230, of which number 114 are in the college proper, distributed in the classes as follows; 10 in the Senior, 32 in the Junior, 33 in the Sophomore and 39 in the Freshman class, a footing that must be gratifying to the friends and patrons of the college.

There are now 12 professors who give their entire attention to the work of the college including those who have charge of the Conservatory of Music, Art and Commercial branches. There are three courses of study, the Classical, Scientific, and Literary, each of which is thorough and complete in its line, and well adapted to promote true culture and discipline. The field of study has become so broad that some limitations and specialties are necessary for those who have different aptitudes, vocations and spheres to fill in life.

We are glad to be able to report that the debt of several thousand dollars which rested on the new college building a year ago, is now all paid. It has, by hard and persistent efforts, been reduced to about $1000 at the last meeting of the Board in June, when to the joy of all, S. S. Rickly of Columbus, Ohio, who had already shown his interest in the college by his former contributions, assumed the entire debt, thus placing the church and friends of the college under many obligations to him for his liberality.

The college has been fortunate in being the recipient of several large donations during the last year, which will place the Endowment Fund upon a better basis than it has ever been. Thus far the income has not been sufficient to cover all the current expenses, so that we closed our last year's work with a debt of $1,442 on the Contingent Fund. This we hope to reduce very largely, by means of the large donation made a year ago by Elder A. H. Baughman of Xenia, Ohio, of which mention

was made in our last annual report. It is with great pleasure that we report the sum of $5,000 bequeathed Heidelberg College by Samuel H. Bibighaus of Philadelphia. This was altogether unsolicited and unknown until his will was probated in the early part of this year, which makes it the more acceptable, as it was his own free, spontaneous act, prompted by a pious, generous heart full of love to God and his cause. Long may the name of Samuel H. Bibighaus be cherished with fond recollection by the friends of the college, and his example be an incentive to others to do likewise.

The present endowment of the college, including notes that are presumably good, scattered over the synod, many of which are payable at the death of the donors, amounts to about $115,000, whilst the campus and buildings thereon ought to be worth nearly as much. The Lord has been very gracious to us in inclining his people to give, and place the college in a position to do the work it is doing. To his name be all the praise.

The synod will also be pleased to learn that Rev. John Kost, LL. D., late Chancellor of the University of Florida, but now President of the Polytechnic Institute soon to be established, and Professor of Paleontology in our college, has donated, with only a few reservations, his large and valuable Museum, estimated as worth from thirty to fifty thousand dollars, to Heidelberg College. This munificent gift was made upon the condition that the college be raised to a University, and a building be erected of sufficient dimensions to furnish a home for the museum. The Board of Trustees held a meeting on the 10th of September to consider the proposition, and after mature deliberation, concluded it would be unwise to refuse an offer which had so much promise of good in it both for the college and church, and therefore gratefully accepted it, and took the preliminary steps necessary for the establishment of a university, and the erection of a building such as would meet the necessities of the case. All this means more hard work and enlarged liberality if we would succeed in our undertaking. But coming as it did without any solicitation on our part, it seemed as if the hand of God was in it, openidg the way for greater prosperity and enlargement in our educational work. To falter under such circumstances and refuse to follow the leadings of Providence would have been unwise and criminal, and would have incurred the displeasure of God. The Board therefore cherishes the hope that synod will approve its action and give it such support as will guarantee success in premises.

We regret to be under the necessity of informing the synod that our Agent, H. Leonard has been disabled, in consequence of severe affliction, of doing any work for the college during the year, and that he is prostrated with little hope of recovery at his advanced age. The prayers of the synod are asked in his behalf that he may enjoy the sustaining grace of God, so as to be able to bear up under his affliction with patience and submission to the Divine will in the hope of a blessed

reward in heaven for all the labor, toil and self-denial which he endured in the interest of the college.

There is much that we might yet add to our report, but we trust sufficient has been said to enable the synod to form a just conception of the work done in our college in the advancement of Christian education, and that its Board has been true to the trust committed to its care.

Wishing the synod great success in its work, and asking its co-operation in the future as in the past we submit our report in behalf of the Board of Trustees.

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
President Heidelberg College.

ISAAC H. REITER,
President of the Board of Trustees.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College, during the afternoon session on the fourth day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

Your Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave to report as follows:

Our report is based on the report of the Board of Trustees of the College.

We learn with pleasure of the continued prosperity of the college. The number of students, we are glad to learn, is larger than ever before. The work of paying the debt on the new building has met with remarkable success. We are able to report that the debt of several thousand dollars resting on the new building a year ago, is now all paid. There is indeed, good reason for thanksgiving and praise. Besides we learn that the way seems open for Heidelberg College soon to become Heidelberg University.

We would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Trustees, as given by Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, be adopted.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this synod be tendered to President Williard, and all who assisted in continued and untiring efforts in behalf of Heidelberg College.

Resolved, That Christian education, and the claims of our institution at Tiffin, be kept before the minds of the people.

WHEREAS, Rev. John Kost, LL. D., late Chancellor of the University of Florida, through the friendship and influence of Dr. Swander, author of "The Reformed Church," has shown a remarkable interest in our institution at Tiffin:

Resolved, That the thanks of synod be expressed to Dr. Swander for using his influence in behalf of Heidelberg, and to Rev. John Kost, LL. D., for his liberal gift to the institution.

Resolved, That this synod approve the action of the Board of Trustees

in accepting the liberal offer of Dr. Kost to donate his entire museum to Heidelberg College, with a few exceptions, upon the condition that the college be raised to a university and erect a building of sufficient dimensions to mount and exhibit it and that it hereby pledges itself to aid in carrying out the conditions.

Resolved, That synod show its appreciation of the gift from Dr. John Kost, by urging a collection on College Day to be appropriated to the building for the Museum.

Resolved, That synod has heard with great pleasure and gratitude that Samuel S. Rickly of Columbus, Ohio, generously relieved the college of the entire indebtedness upon the new building by assuming the obligation of one thousand dollars which rested upon it.

Respectfully submitted,

ISRAEL ROTHENBERGER, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That synod would hereby respectfully request the President of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College to submit an annual report of the condition of the college and the transactions of said Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Heidelberg College is hereby requested to furnish a financial report of the college to the synod at its annual sessions.

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Vice-President*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose Term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Rev. Michael Loucks.	Mr. Henry Leonard.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	Hon. R. L. Sharp.

Members whose Term expires October, 1891.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.	Mr. Irvin Yost.
Rev. John J. Leberman.	Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.	Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose Term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph.D	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose Term expires October, 1893.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.
Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 5 that a financial statement was at hand from Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer of the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows, requesting our prayers and alms in behalf of said society. The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Henry M. Herman, Samuel Shaw and Elder Henry Stoner. This committee, during the same afternoon session, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee on item 5 in report of committee on Overtures, referring to the Society for Relief of aged Ministers, and Widows of deceased ministers, would report as follows: The documents placed in our hands are as follows: A communication from the Treasurer of the Society for Relief of Ministers, and an action of Miami Classis requesting synod to make an appropriation of $500 to said Board.

Your committee would emphasize the importance of this department of church benevolence, and the solemn duty of the membership of the Reformed Church to provide for her aged and indigent ministers. It needs no argument to convince any one of the Christian duty involved. That we as a synod have reason to be deeply humiliated because of shortcomings in this particular need, but know how little we have done in this direction.

But four of the classes of the Ohio Synod contributed to this work as follows:

Miami Classis with its 5,281 members contributed $126.61. *Tuscarawas* with 3,927 members contributed $101.06. *Eastern Ohio*, with 2,991 members contributed $32.36, and *Tiffin* with 2,214 members contributed $28.45. *St. Joseph* and *Lancaster Classis* contributed nothing. The Synod of Ohio with 19,400 members contributed the small sum of $288.48, and received in return, $155.00, leaving only $133.48 for an endowment not quite one and a-half cents contributed per member for this important and well deserving object of Christian benevolence.

These aged and worthy brethren are not objects of charity, and ought not to be regarded in that light. They served the church faithfully and well until the infirmities of age admonished them to give the work over to others. They are worthy of their hire. The laborer is worthy of his

hire. Woe unto them who withholdeth their wages from them. Your committee would most earnestly urge the attention of the members of this synod to this work, and to enjoin upon every minister of synod, to present to the membership of his charge this matter and ask contributions for the same.

Resolved, That the synod grant the request of Miami Classis, asking synod to contribute the sum of five hundred dollars to the Board for the relief of disabled ministers, as a part of an endowment fund, the interest of which only is to be used.

Resolved, That synod reiterates its action taken at the Synod at Lancaster, viz: That each classis of synod be requested to constitute at least one of its ministers a life member of said society, each year until all the ministers of classis is enrolled as a life member in said society.

Resolved, That our prayers and sympathies shall go up to a throne of grace in behalf of our aged fathers and mothers in Israel, who because of the weight of years and labors have been compelled to retire from the work of the Master in his vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the $500 specified in the first resolution of the following report, was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to be apportioned among the several classes.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 4 that a communication was received from the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, calling the attention of synod to the relation the Brotherhood sustained to the church. The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John A. Seitz, Isaac A. Sites and Elder Josiah Rohrbaugh. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee appointed on the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, beg leave to submit their report.

The documents placed in the hands of the committee were a communication from the Executive Council of the Brotherhood, together with a copy of the constitution, manual of the Brotherhood, and a copy of the proceedings of the first annual convention.

After carefully examining these documents, we desire to call the attention of synod to several prominent features of the Brotherhood, which should commend the society to synod as an organization, worthy of its support, sympathy and prayers, and eminently fitted to enlist the young men of the Reformed Church into active service for the Master.

The object of the Brotherhood is certainly a commendable one, viz: "the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men." This alone should commend it to the hearty support of every pastor and elder of this synod. And especially so, when we consider what has been done during its brief existence of little more than a year, and the many favorable endorsements it has received by many of the leading men throughout the church.

Another feature of the organization is its simplicity of worship, viz: "rule of prayer, and rule of service." It is evident, when young men once form habits of prayer, and attend the services of the sanctuary regularly, we may hope to win them for Christ, and thus utilize them to a better advantage in the Master's work—this is what the Brotherhood aims to accomplish.

Another commendable feature of the Brotherhood is, that none but young men of worthy character can become members, and upon becoming members they pledge themselves "to make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one young man within hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as set forth in the services of the church, young people's prayer meetings, and young men's Bible classes." Moreover it is not an organization independent of the church, but it is an organization in the church, and part of the church, and renders obedience to all authority of the church, so that, no chapter can be organized in any congregation without the consent of the pastor and consistory of said congregation. Your committee therefore recommends the following resolutions to this synod for adoption:

Resolved, That we recognize the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip to be an organization eminently fitted to bring young men to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That synod calls the attention of the several classes, and the various pastoral charges to the Brotherhood, and recommends that wherever practicable chapters of the Brotherhood be organized.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. SEITZ,
ISAAC A. SITES,
JOSIAH ROHRBAUGH.
Committee.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Your Board organized during the meeting of Synod at Dayton, O., October, 1888, by the election of Rev. A. E. Baichly, President, and Rev. E. P. Herbruck, Secretary.

That was the only meeting held during the year.

Since the concentration of the Sunday-school interests of the church within the Board of General Synod, there has been little for our Board to do besides the general oversight of the Sunday-school work of our Synod, gathering statistics, &c., which it has done to the best of its ability, but despite its best efforts were only able to secure very incomplete tables owing to the carelessness of those whose business it is to furnish such reports to the Board.

The Board would again ask synod to caution the proper persons against such indifference and insist upon complete statistics being furnished.

Since synod at Dayton ordered the publication of new statistical blanks, (an order which has not yet been complied with) we ask again that synod now have the new blanks printed and distributed.

Conventions.

All the classes of synod held their regular annual Sunday-school Conventions during the year. The programmes of Miami, Tiffin, Lancaster and Tuscarawas Classes, accompany this report.

From reports received we learn that the conventions were full of interest, were profitable and resulted in good to the cause. They also indicate that the interests of the Sunday-school in the different sections of the church are being well cared for, and that the church is reaping great blessing and harvest therefrom.

Festivals.

The festivals of the church have been observed in an appropriate and fitting manner. "Childrens' Day" has been more largely celebrated than ever and with increased results.

The Board would recommend that the synod designate some particular object to which the Children's Day collections shall be devoted, belfeving that the aggregation of these collections in the sight of the church and the children, as is done by other churches, will be an helpful inspiration and secure even larger results. The synod may designate an object permanently or at each session.

Your Board congratulates the church upon its progress in the Sunday-school work and calls upon you to join us in devoutest praise to God. Let us be zealous for the salvation of the children, the young men and maidens of the church and the world, and when the tide comes in, it will bear upon its bosom the blessings and approval of God, to whom with the Son and the Holy-Ghost be all the praise. Amen.

Your attention is called to the fact that the terms of Rev. E. R. Williard and Dr. H. M. Herman, expire at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

From the report of Synod's Board we receive encouraging tidings of the work of the Sunday-school-

Notwithstanding the many organizations now effected in the different parts of the church, we are glad that the Sunday-school is still receiving a commendable share of attention.

Though the reports that have reached this Board are somewhat incomplete, yet it is apparent that the Lord has been honoring this instrumentality, for the saving of children.

Your committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That in order to secure uniformity in reports, we hereby urge the various classes to observe synod's former directions in the form of blanks, and erase the parts to which objection has been made.

Resolved, That in order to secure larger collections, synod each year designate some particular object for the Children's Day collection, thereby aggregating our contribution, as encouragement in sight of children and members of church.

Resolved, The Children's Day collections during the present year be devoted to Home Missions.

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the very acceptable literature, Children's Day services, &c., as furnished by our publication board.

Resolved, That each pastoral charge be urged to observe Children's Day.

Resolved, That we hereby call synod's attention to the Sunday-school record, prepared by John V. Tussing, a copy of which has been placed in the hands of the Board, and which record is published by Reformed Publishiug Company.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *President*, Farmersville, Ohio.
Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, *Secretary*, Canton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1890.

Rev. David W. Ebbert. Rev. George H. Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Rev. William H. Shults.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 25 that Rev. James T. Hale had taken an appeal from the action of Miami Classis, adopted at a special meeting held in Tremont City, Ohio, July 29-31, 1889, deposing him from the office of the holy ministry.

The same committee also reported in item 26 that Miami Classis had appointed Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., S. B, Yockey and R. B. Reichard as counsel to defend its action in deposing Rev. James T. Hale before the Ohio Synod.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 1 that an appeal of Mr. James T. Hale from certain actions of Miami Classis, according to which, said classis found him guilty in several charges and deposed him from the gospel ministry.

Thereupon, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal of Mr. James T. Hale, together with all the papers bearing on the case, be referred to a special committee to examine whether it be in order, and if found in order to report the manner in which it shall be considered before synod.

The committee consists of Revs. David Van Horne, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Geo. W. Henning and Elders Joseph Yeager and Daniel W. Souder. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed on the appeal of Rev. James T. Hale from the action of Miami Classis, taken on the 29th, 30th, and 31st days of last July, deposing him from the holy ministry, would report that they have examined the documents submitted to them, viz: the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Classis relating to the case; the articles of appeal of the Rev. J. T. Hale with reasons; and the written statement of Rev. D. W. Ebbert, President of Miami Classis, to the effect that the reasons of appeal were lodged with him within the ten days after the adjournment of the meeting at which the trial took place, required by Article 30 of the Constitution.

Your committee find

1. That the appeal is in order.

2. That we respecfully recommend that the case be heard by synod on Friday morning, immediately after the hearing of the address of the delegate of the Central Synod.

3. That all the documents relating to the case be read.

4. That one hour be allowed to the appellant or his attorneys; and that one hour be allowed the classis or its attorneys; and that thirty minutes additional be allowed the appellant to close.

5. After which, that the vote shall be taken by the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VANHORNE,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,
GEO. W. HENNING,
JOSEPH YEAGER,
DANIEL W. SOUDER.
Committee.

At the time proposed in the report, the appeal was taken up for consideration. As the Stated Clerk of Synod was chosen as one of the counsel for the appellee, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman was appointed stated clerk *pro tem*, who read the papers in the case. It was ordered that only that portion of the testimony relating to the charges sustained by the classis be read. The appellant (James T. Hale) was heard through his counsel Revs. Dr. H. M. Herman, A. E. Baichly and Dr. S. C. Goss; and the appellee (Miami Classis) was heard in reply through its counsel, Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter, S. B. Yockey and D. W. Ebbert.

In the progress of the case, when the consideration of the *third* charge was reached the counsel for the appellant raised a constitutional objection to it and presented reasons therefor. The ground of this objection was that, as the date of the offense was December, 30, 1887, it was not preferred within the time required by Article 96 of the Constitution, and therefore ought to be set aside. The reply on the part of the counsel for the appellee was that said third charge did not come within the category and meaning of a "scandal," being different in a legal and moral aspect, and therefore not subject to the prescribed limitation of Article 96, nor applicable in this case.

The discussion proceeded at some length. At the close of the discussion, the President of Synod decided that the point made by the appellant be sustained, and that the third charge and the testimony under it be ruled out. From this decision the counsel for the classis appealed, and stated the reasons for such appeal. A rising vote was ordered. The decision of the chair was not sustained, there being 24 votes for and 27 against sustaining it.

Thereupon the counsel for the appellant gave notice of the exceptions taken to the action of the synod, based on Article 96 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Then the reading of the testimeny was continued and completed; followed by the arguments of the counsel on both sides according to the order prescribed.

At the close of the arguments in the case. the counsel for the appellant and for the appellee asked permission to confer together for a short time, with the view if possible to agree upon some action as a substitute for a direct vote on the main question,(viz: shall the appeal of James T. Hale be sustained?) After some consultation the counsel in the case reported that they had reached an agreement. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the order of procedure adopted by synod in the pending case, be suspended so as to enable the synod to hear and consider the proposed action of the joint counsel.

Then the joint counsel submitted the following action, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, The order of procedure in this appeal case has been suspended, and thus opens the way to propose a substitute for a direct vote on the main question, we, the undersigned counsel in the case pending, submit by mutual agreement the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That the synod recommends that the sentence of James T. Hale by Miami Classis be changed from deposition to suspension, and that upon proper evidence of penitence and reformation Miami Classis restore him to the functions of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER,
DAVID W. EBBERT,
SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY,
HENRY M. HERMAN.

October 5, 1889.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose Term expires October, 1890.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose Term expires October, 1891.

Mr. Benjamin Kuhns. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose Term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horace Ankeney.

BOUNDARY LINES BETWEEN ST. JOSEPH AND TIFFIN CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, page 80, reported in item 12, during the afternoon session on Saturday, that a committee was appointed to define the east and south boundary lines of St. Joseph and Tiffin Classes and report to this synod. It appears that no action was taken by the committee, and no report was received. Thereupon the item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the said committee be continued, excepting that the name of Rev. David A. Parks be substituted for that of Rev. Samuel Shaw, who is now a member of St. Joseph Classis, with instructions to proceed to consider this matter of boundary and report to synod during its next annual meeting.

The committee as now constituted consists of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, David A. Parks and Elder Edward Andre of Tiffin Classis; and of Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Lewis B. Clayton and Elder Frank D. Platter of St. Joseph Classis.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS TO INCLUDE CITY OF CLEVELAND.

Tuscarawas Classis, as reported in item 9 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Thursday, requests synod to define or reconstruct the classical boundary so as to include Grace Reformed Church of Cleveland within the bounds of Tuscarawas Classis. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. James H. Steele, Allen K. Zartman and Elder Jacob Simon. This committee, during Monday afternoon session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee on item 9 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Classes would submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, That, in view of the geographical relation of the City of Cleveland to the present boundaries of Tuscarawas Classis, we do hereby grant the request of Tuscarawas Classis to so reconstruct its boundaries as to include the City of Cleveland.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *Chairman*.

ACTION OF ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS WITHOUT QUORUM RATIFIED.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 4 that St. Joseph Classis transacted business without a constitutional number of elders present, at a special meeting in Fort Wayne, Ind., August 28, 1889; and in item 10 that said classis asks synod to sanction the transaction of business at said special meeting, and to ratify its actions adopted.

The subject matter of these items was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Rufus C. Zartman, John D. Neff and Elder Philip Frank Cost. This committee, during the Monday afternoon session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee, to whom were referred items 4 and 10 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, would respectfully report the following action for adoption:

WHEREAS, The pastoral charges in St. Joseph Classis are widely apart geographically, and the holding of a special meeting of classis is the occasion of much expense and inconvenience to those attending upon it; and

WHEREAS, The meeting in question lacked only one member to complete the constitutional quorum for the transaction of business; therefore

Resolved, That, in view of the afore-named extenuating circumstances, synod does hereby excuse St. Joseph Classis for the irregularity of transacting business without a quorum, and that synod grants their respectful overture to ratify the action taken by a quorum minus one member.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS C. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports pertaining to publication were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your Board respectfully presents the following report:

Because this church interest is not in the possession of the synod its importance is perhaps too generally underestimated. It is possible that a denomination might survive the death of its publication house, but its highest point of usefulness could not be attained. It is a recognized helper in all church work. The missionary claims a place in its columns by which to present to the membership of the church the importance of his work and the necessity of general co-operation. The solicitor for endowment and contingent funds, feels that he is neglecting a larger opportunity to accomplish his work if he fails to make use of the religious paper. It is an honorable channel through which he can make his appeals and also statement of work already accomplished. On its pages from week to week, truths may be brought to the attention of all which will be immensely helpful to both pastor and people. A liberty can be exercised here which would not be appropriate on the pulpit. It also tends to create a unity of sentiment and sympathy in all our church enterprises. This is of immeasurable service. To be of one

mind, having the Spirit of Christ is to triumph. The church paper is perhaps the best means to accomplish this. It is the only medium which we have to inform the people in reference to the general work of the church. But it is also an educator in piety and church devotion. It tells of the advancing army of Christ, of battles fought and victories gained.

The results of missionary effort the world over is reported, which is often of an inspiring character and its power for good is felt in every congregation. For these, and many other reasons which occur to all, we are under the necessity of supporting our publishing house at Dayton.

The Board, at its last meeting unanimously adopted the following action, believing that it will, by the action of this synod, be endorsed as expressive of the sentiment of the church.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication hereby expresses its gratification at the enterprise of our publishing house and the ability manifested in our publications.

Resolved, That we urge the church to encourage the publishers by extending its patronage to them.

Resolved, That we urge the more prompt payment of subscriptions to our periodicals, thus aiding the publishers to prosecute their work more effectually.

The publishers have brought to the attention of the reading public, two books, viz: "Under Eastern Skies," by Rev. Dr. Herbruck. A book of great interest to the general reader,—and "The Reformed Church," by Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D. This book has been prepared for the Reformed Church. It should find its way into all our families, because it brings within a very small compass, information essential to intelligent church membership.

There was also issued a complete Sunday-school Record for secretaries and a Class Book to correspond. These have been prepared by Mr. John V. Tussing, of Basil, Ohio. They are well adapted to the use for which they are intended. The Sabbath-schools of our church should pride themselves in using books of our own publication. A copy has been forwarded to this synod and is here for its examination.

Synod is reminded that the time for which Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Rev. W. E. Ludwick were elected, expires at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President of the Board.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the afternoon session on Monday, presented the following report which was received, and, together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your Committee on Publication would beg leave to submit the following report:

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received, and with that of the treasurer of synod, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report.

We recommend for apportionment among the classes as follows: For contingent expenses, $600; missions, $7,000; for beneficiary education, $2,000; church erection, $1,000; ministerial relief fund, $500.

CLASSES.	Members.	Contingent Fund.	Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Church Erection.	Ministerial Relief Fund.
Miami	5,321	$160	$1,878	$536	$268	134
Lancaster	2,506	76	884	253	126	63
Tuscarawas	4,170	126	1,469	420	210	105
Tiffin	2,340	71	827	236	118	59
Eastern Ohio	3,114	94	1,095	314	157	78
St. Joseph	2,397	73	847	241	121	61
Total	19,848	$600	$7,000	$2,000	$1,000	500

In examining the documents placed in our hands, we find the report of the treasurer of synod correct, and recommend its adoption.

Attention is called by the treasurer to the delinquencies due from Miami and Lancaster Classes.

We submit the following action:

Resolved, That the above delinquent classes be instructed to pay their arrearages.

Resolved, That the attempt be made upon this floor of synod to secure pledges to pay the arrearages due the missionaries from Ohio Synod's Board of Missions, and that we recommend the plan suggested in the *Christian World* to be continued until the entire amount is raised.

Respectfully sumbitted,

FRANCIS M. SHULTS, *Chairman.*

III. BILLS ALLOWED AND TO BE PAID BY TREASURER.

The Treasurer of synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by synod:

1. Mrs. Ellen Black $10 for her services as sexton of Trinity Reformed Church during the sessions of synod.

2. Sundry persons $2.00 for stationery for the use of synod during its sessions.

3. Rev. Reuben Keller $1.25 for having tickets printed for the use of synod.

4. Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., $2.00 for traveling expenses as delegate to the Central Synod at Galion, O.

5. To the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions $25.00 for the use of the Board.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through Rev. Reuben Keller. The report was received and adopted. The committee was instructed to have 150 copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod, which was accordingly done. On motion, the election of the several boards and of the delegate to the Central Synod was made the order of the day for immediately after the opening of synod on Saturday afternoon. At the appointed time the election was held. Rev. Reuben Keller and Elder Horace Ankeney, were appointed tellers, who distributed the tickets and gathered and counted the ballots; and during the morning session on Monday reported the result.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions; XIV, Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg College; XVII, Sunday-schools; XX, Church Government; XXI, Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., delegate to the Central Synod, whose appointment was reported in item 16 of the report of the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Reverend and Dear Brethren: By the Providence of God it has been my privilege to attend the late meeting of the Central Synod of the Reformed Church, in the city of Galion, and I can report with pleasure that all the brethren of that sister synod expressed their gladness of seeing me in their midst, and through their presiding officer, kindly invited me to take an active part in all their deliberations. Of this invitation I have also made free use, especially in the discussion of several important and difficult subjects. I was greatly pleased with the order and dispatch that characterized all their business transactions. In this respect the German brethren have certainly made great progress.

When at the appointed time I presented to them the fraternal greeting and sincere wishes of this synod, the President requested me to assure this honorable body, that the same kind feeling and sincere wishes for the prosperity of the Ohio Synod are at home among them, and that it is their prayer and hope that both these sister synods, together with all the others, may continue to enjoy the grace and blessing of God upon their labors of love for the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST.

DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. John B. Rust, delegate from the Central Synod, appeared in synod during the morning session on Thursday, and having presented his credentials took his seat as a corresponding member. On motion, his formal address to the synod was made the order of the day after the opening of the morning session on Friday.

At the appointed time he addressed the synod. His address was well conceived and fraternal in character, referring to the pleasant existing relations, and the prosperity attending the work of the synod he represented, and cordially conveying its kind greetings to this synod.

The president happily responded, expressing gratification at the progress and success referred to, and requesting the delegate to convey the warm greetings of this synod to the body he represented.

DELEGATE TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

The election of a delegate to the Central Synod, resulted in the choice of Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *secundus*.

REQUEST OF REV. HENRY SCHRADER.

As reported in item 3 in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, Rev. Henry Schrader requests that his credentials be returned to him. This item, together with all the papers relating thereto, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Richard B. Reichard, Edward M. Beck and Elder John T. Derr. This committee, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred item three of Committee on Overtures would recommend the following action in the matter:

WHEREAS, Rev. Henry Schrader, formerly a minister in the U. B. Church, has been under the care of Lancaster Classis as a candidate for the ministry in the Reformed Church, therefore

Resolved, That this synod refer him back to that classis, with the advice, that if there be no obstacles in the way, his request to have his papers returned to him, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. REICHARD, *Chairman.*

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

During the afternoon session on Thursday, on motion, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. The places nominated were Akron, Ohio, and Bluffton, Indiana. The roll was called and the election proceeded, and resulted in favor of Bluffton, Indiana; and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 1st, A. D., 1890, at 7:30 in the evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

During the morning session on Friday, the president appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, to whom all applications for leave of absence were referred. The committee consists of Revs. Emil P. Herbruck, Lewis M. Kerschner and Elder Martin Grove. This committee, at the final roll call near the close of the last session on Monday afternoon, presented a report, which was accepted and the recommendations contained therein, approved.

As the Stated Clerk of Synod had been chosen as one of the counsel to defend the action of Miami Classis in the Hale appeal case before the synod, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman was appointed to act as Stated Clerk *pro tem*, during the hearing of the case on Friday and Saturday.

The Standing Committee appointed on the subject of *Temperance*, to submit a report to the next annual synod, consists of Revs. Reuben Keller, Dr. Sebastian C. Goss and Elder Henry F. Rees.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions of thanks were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in convention assembled at Canton, Ohio, hereby gives expression to its warm appreciation of the courteous treatment received at the

hands of the pastor and people of Trinity Congregation, within the bounds of which its sessions have been held; and that we unite in invoking the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the people, and that continued prosperity and peace may characterize their Christian life and work.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby tenders its cordial thanks to the various railroad companies, included in the Central Traffic Association arrangement, for permitting members of synod, and others, to pass at excursion rates over their respective lines of travel, to attend the sessions of this synod at Canton, Ohio.

The roll was called, in connection with the report of the excuses granted by the Committee on Leave of Absence, and there were found absent without permission or excuse the following members:

From Tuscarawas Classis.—Ministers: John L. Bretz, John C. Schaaf, Frederick Mayer, John A. Danner. John H. Beck, Joshua J. Excell; *Elders.*—Haman Bordner, Abraham Dickerhoof, Jacob Leifer, Joseph Reinhart, Andrew Gleichman and J. R. Poorman.

From Tiffin Classis.—Ministers: David A. Parks and Albert H. Zechiel.

From Eastern Ohio Classis.—Ministers: Nathan W. Bloom and Jacob B. Zumpe.

On motion,

Resolved, That the several absentees aforesaid, be referred to their respective classes, whose attention is hereby directed to this delinquency.

The reading of the minutes of the last day was dispensed with. Then the minutes were adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in convention in the Reformed Church at Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 1st., A. D., 1890, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Monday afternoon, October 7th, 1889, at 5 o'clock, by joining in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology; the benediction was pronounced by the president.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes. Attest:

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Note of Correction.—On page 59, Sec. 28, item 3, and first line, for "**exactments,**" read *enactments*, and thus correct a typographical error.—*Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLES,

Exhibiting the condition and results of the Missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

MISSIONS.	Congregations.	Members.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Members Received.	Indebtedness.	Reduction of Debt.	Contributions. Pastor's Support.	Contributions. Congregational.	Contributions. Benevolent.	Appropriations.	NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICES.
Damascus, (Ills.)	2	58	2	150	20	2					$200 00	$170 00	$87 38	$150 00	Jos. Sechler.	Lena, Illinois.
Paulding, (O.)	5	140	2	140	20	12	6	15			300 00	70 00	60 00	200 00	J. W. Barber.	Payne, O.
Greenville, (O.)	1	45	1	73	15	5	1	8			280 00	162 35	74 50	200 00	W. E. Ludwick.	Greenville, O.
Ft. Wayne, (Ind.)	1	180	1	200	18	3	5	75	$700 00	$1200 00	500 00	1500 00	125 00	400 00	A. K. Zartman.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Altamont, (Ills.)	3	115	2	85	18	16		3			350 00	75 00	72 00	300 00	J. Wolbach	Altamont, Ills.
Lyons, (Kans.)	3	69	3	90	15	3	9	23	250 00	50 00	150 00	123 55	51 56	600 00	A. Casselman.	Lyons, Kansas.
* Wathena, (Kans.)	1	107	1	87	11									250 00	F. H. Keller.	Wathena, Kansas.
Colon, (Mich.)	2	125	2	105	18	4	3	3			250 00	245 00	40 00	125 00	J. H. Albright.	Colon, Mich.
Ada, (O.)	3	140	3	210	26	8	1	13	150 00		400 00	910 00	146 00	200 00	I. A. Sites.	Ada, O.
Lima, (O.)	3	85	3	145	13	1	5	13			205 00	82 00	64 00	450 00	F. M. Shults.	Lima, O.
Redfield, (Dak.)	3	32	4	100	20	4	2	6			90 00	15 00	9 00	400 00	F. W. Stump.	Redfield, Dak.
Warren, (O.)	3	152	2	125	12	1		9			125 00	35 00	50 00	200 00	Wm. H. Shults.	Warren, O.
Hiawatha & Baker, (Kans.)	2	124	1	60	10	13	3	42	225 00	175 00	500 00	175 00	160 00	200 00	A. G. Lohman.	Hiawatha, Kan.
* Liberty Centre, (O.)	3	113	2	160											Vacant.	Liberty Centre, O.
* Kentland, (Ind.)	2	57													"	Brook, Ind.
* Neriah, (Mich.)	1	36	1												"	Neriah, Mich.
* Cleveland, (O.)	1	40	1											1,150 00	"	Cleveland, O.
* Lincoln, (Neb.)	1													1,000 00	"	Lincoln, Neb.
Total, 18.	40	1618	31	1730	216	72	35	210	$1,825 00	$1,425 00	$3,350 00	$3,562 90	$939 44	$5,825 00	13	

* Statistics not complete.

NOTE.—This table was to follow the report of the Board on page 19 of these Minutes, but it was not received until Nov. 13, 1889, when 64 pages were already printed, and consequently could not be inserted there, and hence is given here.—STATED CLERK.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Ohio Synod, Reformed Church in the United States.

The society met in annual session in the First Reformed Church, at Canton, Ohio, on Thursday afternoon, October 3, A. D. 1889.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, and opened with the usual devotional services.

The Secretary being absent, Mrs. M. Loucks was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The enrollment of delegates indicated that the classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph had organized societies and were represented here.

The delegates present were as follows: From Miami Classis, Mrs. M. Loucks and Mrs. Jno. Blum, Dayton; Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Xenia; Mrs. P. F. Cost, Fairfield. From Tuscarawas Classis, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Rebecca Wise, Canton; Mrs. Frank and Miss Pontius, Akron; Mrs. Eggert, Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Ihle, Massillon; Miss Clara Miller, Wooster. From Eastern Ohio Classis, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Nunemaker, Osnaburg; Mrs. Schwallen and Miss Mazer, Louisville. From St. Joseph Classis, Miss Emma Neireiter and Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Ft. Wayne. Many other ladies were in attendance, who were recognized as advisory members of the society.

The following officers were elected for the ensueing year: President, Mrs. M. Loucks, Dayton, Ohio; Vice President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, Ohio; Secretary, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Eggert, Massillon; Treasurer, Mrs. Henning, Osnaburg, Ohio.

Encouraging reports were read by the delegates present, showing an increase in membership and greater activity in the various societies represented. The aggregate sum raised by the societies represented, amounted to $1,695, which amount has been used for Home and Foreign Missions and for local purposes.

The subject of mission bands was discussed at length and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod recognizes mission bands as auxiliaries and invites delegates and reports from the same for its annual conventions.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a paper, or request to be printed in the *Christian World*, urging the treasurers of the different congregational societies to send in financial reports annually to their respective classical treasurers, thus enabling the Synodical Society to have a complete report at its annual meetings.

The Secretary was instructed to request the Ohio Synod to incorporate in its Minutes, the Constitution and proceedings of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod.

The delegates elected to represent this society at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., in May, 1890, are Mrs. A. K. Zartman and Mrs. S. B. Yockey.

The society decided to have two sessions at its next annual meeting, beginning Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mrs. Eggert, Mrs. Henning and Miss Pontius were appointed a committee to prepare blanks for the treasurers of congregational societies, on which to make their financial reports to classical treasurers.

A vote of thanks was returned to the First Reformed Church for the use of their church in which the business sessions were held, also to the members and friends of Trinity Reformed Church for their hospitality and entertainment of the delegates in attendance.

Minutes were read and adopted. The society adjourned to meet in connection with the Ohio Synod, at Bluffton, Indiana, in October, 1890.

MRS. A. K. ZARTMAN, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod.

ARTICLE I.

Name and Object.

SECTION 1. The name of this society shall be The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod.

SEC. 2. The object of this society shall be the advancement of the cause of missions, both home and foreign, by creating funds for its support, diffusing missionary intelligence, and organizing missionary societies in congregations of the different classes and advising the formation of classical societies where none such already exist.

ARTICLE II.

Officers and their Duties.

SEC. 1. The officers of this society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the society, and perform such other duties as usually devolve upon this office.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to act in the absence of the President.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the society, and give notice of all meetings through the press or otherwise.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the official correspondence of the society, under its instruction and direction.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the society, and disburse the same upon the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President.

SEC. 7. An Executive Committee, consisting of three persons in addition to the officers shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE III.

Members and their Duties.

SEC. 1. This synodical society shall be composed of ministers' wives, two delegates from the regularly organized classical societies, and also two properly appointed delegates from each congregational society within the bounds of synod.

SEC. 2. If any congregational society shall fail to send delegates, it shall be required to give reasons therefor.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of each classical organization to make a full report at each regular meeting of the synodical society, and where there is no such organized body, the report shall be sent in by the congregational societies or by a committee.

ARTICLE IV.

Elections.

SEC. 1. Elections shall be held by ballot unless otherwise provided.

SEC. 2. The term of each officer shall be one year. No previous tenure of office shall disqualify any member for re-election.

ARTICLE V.

Finances.

SEC. 1. The synodical society may instruct congregational societies to collect funds for specific objects to be disbursed by the synodical society.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer of each congregational society shall make a financial statement to the Treasurer of the synodical society at each regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Time of Meeting.

SEC. 1. The society shall meet annually in connection with the Ohio Synod, on the Thursday that occurs during its session.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

SEC. 1. Any part of this Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been previously given at any regular meeting.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
William A. Hale, D. D	1st Church, Dayton	1	631		9	12	29	38	545	2		4	4	1	30	300		$1,902 00	$2,943 00	12	Dayton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	1	210		3	6	21	5	175	4			1	1	21	200		300 00	2,600 00	12	Xenia, Ohio.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	355	100	11	5	20	17	300	16		3	4	1	22	315		232 89	1,300 00	16	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Harvey L. Hart	West Alexandria	3	311	50	4	2	4	5	300	5	1	50	9	3	57	397		107 00	1,100 00	17	West Alexandria, O.
	Cæsar Creek	2	122	90					110					1				11 50		5	
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield, (1)	3	391	38	4	8	12	14	350	8		22	5	3	44	305		201 07	1,006 00	25	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	544	98	2	101	130	28	480	7		19	10	5	72	485		159 00	690 00	30	North Hampton, O.
Raymond R. Lackey	Highland, (2)	2	154	47										2	16	125				5	Hillsborough, O.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	1	100	30	6	9	20	3	84	5		11	2	1	18	200		70 45	477 00	6	Hamilton, O.
Richard B. Reichard	Trinity	3	187	50		4	6	4	130	3			1	3	32	165		111 00	995 00	15	Swander's Cross'g, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	2	267	90	20	9	21	4	265	10		3	4	2	25	275	1	120 00	835 00	12	Farmersville, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly, sup.	Winchester	1	23	6	1				21	2		2	1	1	6	60		5 00	35 00	4	Farmersville, O.
John A. Ketrow	Tremont City	3	205	110		3	7	1	160			1	3	3	50	350		50 00	700 00	20	Tremont City, O.
B. Frank Davis	Springboro	1	104	48				4	89	14			1	1	14	100		100 31	594 70	10	Springboro, O.
	Germantown, (3)	2	235	120	9		1	6	200	1			4	2	37	200		155 00	1,600 00	10	Germantown, O.
John Stuck	Pikeville	2	82	23	13	8	14	2	70	3			1	2	25	120		4 83	420 00	2	Greenville, O.
John Stuck, sup	Salem	2	36	14	4	2	2		36				2	1	9	60		6 00	120 00	1	Greenville, O.
William H. Tussing	Valley	3	231	49	5	3	5	5	163	7	2	48	7	3	37	237	1	111 00	1,319 00	12	Dayton, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	250		4	2	4	2	200	2			4	3	35	225		63 80	600 00	12	Arcanum, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver Creek	3	289	40	3	15	7	11	260	9		16	5	2	29	200	2	392 76	1,801 85	30	Alpha, O.
	New Pittsburgh, (4)	3	211	41	6		1		90	1				3	37	222		14 26	400 00	12	Boundary City, Ind.
Levi Rike, sup	Zion's, (Elk Creek)	1	26	5				2	24					1		58		18 00	250 00	1	Heno, Butler Co., O.
William E. Ludwick	Greenville	3	125	62		1	3	1	93				4	3	28	190		46 00	547 00	7	Greenville, O.
David W. Ebbert	Trinity, Dayton	1	200	75	15	7	10	29	176	2			2	1	43	352	1	194 65	2,049 00	13	Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks, sup	West Baltimore	1	32	11	1	1	1	2	32	5			1					20 53	68 97	5	Dayton, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	Without Charge																				Miamisburg, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	Ed. Christ. World																				Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks	Ed. Christ. World																				Dayton, O.
Jesse Steiner	Without Charge																				Millerstown, O.
Adam Hawker	Without Charge																				Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chapl. N. Mil. Home																				Nat. Mil. Home, O.
Total 27,		54	5321	1197	120	198	318	181	4353	106	3	179	75	49	693	5141	5	$4,397 05	$22,351 52	294	

1. Fairfield charge served by Rev. Reuben F. Shultz since July 1, 1889. 2. Highland charge supplied by Rev. R. R. Lackey, but not yet a member of classis. 3. Taken charge of December 1, 1889, by Rev. Wm. H. Tussing, having resigned the Valley charge. 4. Served by Rev. John Stuck, whose post-office is Boundary City, Jay Co., Ind.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
Reuben Good	Prof. Heid. College																			1	Tiffin, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D. D	Prof. in Heid. Theo. Sem																			1	" "
David Van Horne, DD	Prof. in Heid. Theo. Sem																			1	" "
Geo. W. Williard, D D	President of Heid. College																			1	" "
Chas. O. Knepper	Lic. and Prof. Heid. Col																			1	" "
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D.	Prof. in Heid. Col. & Sem																			1	" "
Edwin R. Williard	Prof. in Heid. College																			1	" "
L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	First Reformed, Tiffin	1	279	102	5		3	9	255	2			3	1	23	208	1	$112	$2,300	18	" "
H.H.W.Hibshman DD	Grace, Tiffin	1	202	75	9	5	10	10	185	4		7	1	1	24	198	3	154	1,725	15	113 E. Perry St., Tiffin, O.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	147	65	9	5	13	4	131	1		1	4	2	24	177	1	102	740	10	Fostoria, O.
Isaac A. Sites	Ada	3	146	69	7	1	6	8	126	5			2	3	26	207		146	910	10	Ada, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Paulding Mission	5	140	85	12	6	16		109			3	5	2	22	140		61	300	9	Payne, O.
Wm. A. Miller	Lindsey	2	90	50	2		3	5	83	4		8	2	2	15	160		45	620	8	Lindsey, O.
David A. Parks,	Bloomville	1	98		1	2	10	18	90	1		1	2	1	12	190		100	700	7	Bloomville, O.
David A. Parks, Sup.	Venice	2	20																	2	
David A. Parks, Sup	St. Jacob's congregation	1	50																	2	
Francis M. Shults	Lima	3	84	10		5	10	3	72	1			3	3	27	146		61	284	6	Lima, O.
George H. Souder	Bellevue	2	201	66	8	4	9	8	182	7			3	2	19	175		100	975	12	Bellevue, O.
Frederick B. Hahn 1	Grace Reformed, Cleve'd	1	48		1	4	10	38	37					1	11	61			150	20	147 Arl'gton St., Cleve'd, O.
Albert H. Zechiel	Bascom	2	150		1		3		140				3	1	12	105		51	500	8	Bascom, O.
John I. Swander, D. D	Fremont	1	92	48	4				89	5		2	3	1	9	60		122	395	5	Fremont, O.
Vacant	Liberty Center	3	121	46	7		9	2	80	2			1	2	25	150		55	616	12	Liberty Center, O.
Vacant	Helena	2	102		2			3					2	2	21			14		6	Helena, O.
Vacant	Fort Seneca	3	110	48	1		1		56	5		9	6	3	32	172		30	375	4	Fort Seneca, O.
Vacant	Zions	2	260	140	12		1		149	3			7	2	15	170		47	500	10	Bellevue, O.
Chas. W. Good	Without Charge																			1	Tiffin, O.
Augustus Konetzka	Without Charge																			1	Fostoria, O.
David S. Caldwell	Without Charge																			1	Nevada, O.
Total 23,		37	2340	804	81	32	104	108	1784	40		31	47	29	317	2319	5	$1,200	$11000	175	

1. Resigned, and accepted a call to Reformed Church, Kutztown, Pa.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	2	359	45	18	11	36	8	350			5	14	2	32	350		$171	$1,000	20	Louisville, Ohio.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	254		5	19	32	16	220	4		2		1	19	265	1	322	1,420	15	Columbiana, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber	New Lisbon	2	207	115	9	10	26	4	173	1			6	2	25	200		220	725	13	New Lisbon, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	Canfield	4	338	67	3		2	1	285	6		3	7	3	31	181		126	724	21	Canfield, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	172		3	5	9	1	143			11	4	2	26	160		32	514	18	Germano, Harrison Co., O.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	327	203	5	15	20	7	300	16		28	17	2	34	280		72	1,050	13	Carrollton, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	Springfield	2	250	68	6		2	1	222	4		8	1	2	26	234		140	620	11	Petersburg, Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Strasburg	4	237	149	7	6	35	7	194	3			3	3	20	232		17	1,065	14	Alliance, Ohio.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Mt. Olivet	2	322	210	3	2	38	14	206				6	2	22	260		58	1,050	16	North Lima, Ohio.
Albert Gonser	Robertsville	3	403	61	6	5	18	21	365	5		41	1	3	24	325		85	760	19	Robertsville, Ohio.
William H. Shults	Warren 1	3	145	43		3	11	1	75					1	15	50		48	81	16	Leavittsburg, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning	Without Charge																				Osnaburg, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller	" "																				Carrollton, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds	" "																				Harmony, Pa.
Total, 14.	11	27	3014	961	65	76	229	81	2533	39		96	59	23	274	2537	1	$1,291	$9,009	176	

1. Taken charge of in July 1889 by Rev. Wm. H. Shults.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
John M. Kessler	Mulberry	5	415	350	32	6	32	13	412	4		22	13	4	67	502	2	$261 00	$1,152 00	20	Mulberry, Ind.
William H. Xanders	Bluffton	3	226	140	12	4	24	12	185	3			2	3	30	220		135 00	2,535 00	13	Bluffton, Ind.
	Wakeshma	4	213	23	3	3	5	2	149	4		4	1	4	42	254		79 00	565 00	15	Fulton, Mich.
Freeman Ware	Three Rivers	1	117	45	4	1	1	7	104	1		4		1	15	155		50 00	630 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
Freeman Ware, sup	Moore Park	1	36	12			1	3	32				1					15 00	124 00	2	Three Rivers, Mich.
William A. From	Bunkerhill	3	112			2	3		69	6			1	3	27	164		37 00	580 00	13	Pulaski, Ohio.
	Winamac	3	71	39	8	1	4	23					4	3		60		28 00	90 00	10	Winamac, Ind.
W. H. Mawhorter	Neriah Mission	3	38				2		30				1	2	22	100		19 00	88 00	10	Morocco, Mich.
Israel Rothenberger	White Pigeon	2	91				3	1	70			1		2	14	129		17 00	575 00	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
John H. Albright	St. Paul's Mission	2	101	48	3	4	7		85	10		5	3	2	18	100		47 00	456 00	5	Colon, Mich.
Henry S. Gekeler	Zions*	2	146									69	4	2	23	294			428 00	7	Goshen, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman	Grace Reformed	1	176	53	4	7	21	16	170	8		45	1	1	15	155	1	103 00	2,207 00	6	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman, sup	Salem	1	53	50	5	2	3	2	45			18	1	1	10	89		37 00	200 00	4	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Samuel Shaw	Marmont	5	210	99	6	3	10	2	35	2		9	1	5	63	132	1	37 00	601 00	22	Marmont, Ind.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Plymouth Mission	3	86	30	2	2	9	3	78	10		5	5	3	24	136		33 00	443 00	14	Plymouth, Ind.
	Kentland Mission	2	45							2			1	1		30		7 00		7	Brook, Ind.
Lewis B. Clayton	Union	2	104	42	7		26	6	100				1	2	24	102		39 00	1,000 00	12	Hudson, Ind.
	Denver Mission	3	160	47										1						7	Denver, Ind.
Daniel Kroh	Without Charge.																				Toledo, Ohio.
Elias Spangler	" "																				Edgerton, Ohio.
Peter J. Spangler	" "																				Farmer, Ohio.
Theodore J. Bacher	" "																				Nottawa, Michigan.
John R. Skinner	" "					10															Vicksburg, Michigan.
John V. Potts	" "																				North Robinson, Ohio.
Jonathan C. Beade																					Columbus Junction, Ia.
Total 18,		46	2397	978	86	45	151	67	1587	50		172	40	40	394	2622	4	$944 00	$11,074 00	175	

*Recently taken charge of by Rev. Henry S. Gekeler.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OHIO SYNOD OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1889.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	27	54	5,321	1,197	120	198	318	181	4,358	106	3	179	75	49	693	5,141	5	$4,397	$22,351	294
Lancaster	1	10	28	2,506	966	102	43	89	71	2,197	48		105	30	23	320	2,058	8	1,921	9,289	100
Tuscarawas	1	19	42	4,170	1,148	208	157	322	201	3,310	94		135	67	39	556	4,342	5	2,960	17,501	218
Tiffin	1	23	37	2,340	804	81	32	104	108	1,784	40		31	47	29	317	2,319	5	1,200	11,090	175
Eastern Ohio	1	14	27	3,014	961	65	76	229	81	2,533	39		96	59	23	274	2,537	1	1,291	9,009	176
St. Joseph	1	18	46	2,397	978	86	45	151	67	1,587	50		172	40	40	394	2,622	4	944	11,674	175
Total.	6	111	234	19,748	6,054	662	551	1,213	709	15,769	477	3	718	318	203	2,554	19,019	28	$12,713	$80,914	1,138

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1889.

SYNODS.																				
Eastern Synod	11	236	465	84,210	46,655	5,976	512	4,453	2,015	67,593	1,006	3	783	2,424	556	1,125	56,647	108	$71,433	$314,982
Synod of Ohio	6	111	234	19,748	6,054	662	551	1,213	709	15,769	477	3	718	318	203	2,554	19,019	28	12,713	80,914
Synod of Northwest	10	123	201	17,472	12,626	1,637	31	987	1,014	9,381	156	20	366	435	167		9,009	22	12,194	83,463
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	64	131	14,092	8,514	789	82	657	472	11,072	347	3	111	234	111	...	8,587	14	11,711	66,003
Synod of the Potomac	10	142	298	32,310	18,966	1,899	262	1,636	857	26,603	645	11	313	766	268		22,964	61	32,231	131,053
German Synod of East	5	48	45	12,640	7,917	2,308	19	783	600	9,998	104	4	350	504	44	....	9,970	12	9,571	83,380
Central Synod	4	74	114	17,233	10,051	1,183	53	834	745	12,641	268	11	406	395	107		10,444	34	9,513	95,637
Synod of the Interior	4	36	66	2,793	1,703	151	84	196	149	2,061	71		70	31	57	288	2,776	6	2,712	18,621
Grand Total. Synods. 8.	55	834	1554	200498	112,486	14,605	1,594	10,759	6,561	155118	3,074	55	3,117	5,107	1513	3,967	139,416	285	$162,078	$874,053

NOTE.—The several classes and synods, with a few exceptions, seem to have overlooked the action of the General Synod in 1887, Minutes page 157, requiring an additional column to the statistical table for Sunday-school Officers and Teachers. Hence the *blankness* of said column in the general summary.—*Stated Clerk.*

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Bluffton, Indiana, on Wednesday, the first day of October, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety, and closed its sessions on the following Saturday afternoon at five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to appointment, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 1, A. D. 1890, at 7.30 P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring president, Rev. John M. Kendig, from John 6: 10 and 11: "And Jesus said, make the men sit down. (Now there was much grass in the place.) So the men sat down in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes, as much as they would."

At the close of the sermon, the synod, having been called to order, proceeded to make out the roll and effect a permanent organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.—William A. Hale, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, Henry M. Herman, D. D., Harvey L. Hart, Daniel R. Taylor, George Z. Mechling, Richard B. Reichard, Alpheus E. Baichly, John A. Ketrow, B. Frank Davis, William H. Tussing, James H. Steele, William E. Ludwick, Michael Loucks, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Charles E. Miller.

Elders.—Benjamin Kuhns, Joseph Griesbaum, Joseph P. Burtner, John H. Koogler, William Scott, John M. Smith, Benjamin Meckley, John Gottschall, John H. Linebaugh, Horace Ankeney, George N. Whipp, Joseph C. White and Victor P. Van Horne.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.—George H. Leonard, John A. Seitz, Solomon W. Seeman, Louis B. C. Lahr, Eugene Calvin Rust, Samuel L. Runkel, Abram D. Wolfinger.

Elders.—Noah H. Zartman and Irvin Yost.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Rufus C. Zartman, Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Edward M. Beck, John L. Bretz, John C. Schaaf, Jacob P. Stahl, George A. House, Luther P. Gross and Wilson R. Stearly.

Elders.—James Baughman, William H. Bahl, Peter Ault and John Keene.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Herman Rust, D. D., David Van Horne, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D., John Kost, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Edwin R. Williard, Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., John D. Neff, David A. Parks, Noah A. Ernst, Albert H. Zechiel, John I. Swander, D. D., Israel Rothenberger, Frederick H. Keller, Charles W. Good, James T. Hale.

Elders.—Nelson L. Brewer, Joseph W. Burnside, George F. Wilt, Michael A. Smith, Edward W. Shade and Conrad Hensinger.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.—John J. Leberman, D. D., John J. M. Gruber, John M. Kendig, Reuben Keller, Isaiah S. Hahn, Benjamin H. Roth, Lewis M. Kerschner, Albert Gonser, William H. Shults, George W. Henning.

Elders.—J. Hiram Smith, Henry Swallen and Daniel W. Moyer.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—William H. Xanders, Solomon A. Alt, Freeman Ware, William H. Mawherter, Henry S. Bailey, Allen K. Zartman, Samuel Shaw, Lewis B. Clayton.

Elders.—Benjamin Ashbaucher, Jacob Pfeiffer, Daniel W. Souder, John Zechiel and Jacob Sult.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. John Rettig, Zion's Classis, Synod of the Northwest.
Rev. Charles M. Schaaf, Zion's Classis, Synod of the Northwest.
Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior.
Rev. Henry T. Spangler, Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.
Rev. Henry H. Sandoe, East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.
Rev. William F. Zanders, Erie Classis, Central Synod.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. J. E. Wier, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. George McGregor, Baptist Church.
Rev. J. H. Jackson, Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *President*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Allen K. Zartman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were obeserved in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first ten pews in front of the chancel.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod were as follows:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—Rev. William H. Xanders, Dr. John Kost, Allen K. Zartman; Elders Benjamin Ashbaucher and J. Hiram Smith.

SYNODICAL MINUTES:

Minutes of General Synod.—Ministers—Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Reuben Keller, William H. Mawherter; Elders Joseph Griesbaum and John Keene.

Minutes of Ohio Synod.—Ministers—Rufus C. Zartman, William H. Tussing, John A. Seitz; Elders Joseph P. Burtner and Edward W. Shade.

Minutes of Classes.—Ministers—Michael Loucks, Dr. John I. Swander, Luther P. Gross; Elders Horace Ankeney and Joseph W. Burnside.

Overtures.—Ministers—Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Alpheus E. Baichly, Solomon W. Seeman; Elders Noah A. Ernst and Henry Swallen.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Dr. William A. Hale, David A. Parks; Elders Daniel W. Moyer and Daniel W. Souder.

State of Religion.—Ministers—John M. Kendig, Albert Gonser, John D. Neff; Elders Peter Ault and Conrad Hensinger.

Missions—Home and Foreign—Ministers—Dr. William A. Hale, Wilson R. Stearly, Frederick H. Keller; Elders John Zechiel and Irvin Yost.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Edward M. Beck, Allen K. Zartman; Elders John Koogler and Benjamin Kuhns.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—Samuel B. Yockey, Isaiah S. Hahn, Samuel Shaw; Elders Benjamin Meckley and J. Hiram Smith.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Ministers—Dr. David Van Horne, William H. Shults, John C. Schaaf; John M. Smith and John Gottschall.

Publication.—Ministers—George Z. Mechling, Eugene Calvin Rust, Jacob P. Stahl; Elders John H. Linebaugh and Joseph C. White.

Finance.—Ministers—George H. Leonard, Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, John L. Bretz; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Irvin Yost.

Nominations.—Ministers—Dr. Henry M. Herman, Dr. Herman Rust, Geo. W. Henning; Elders Jacob Sult and Victor P. Van Horne.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received and referred:

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod and of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, and of the Treasurer of the former Board, together with the reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions. Also the proposed Plan of Unification of our missionary work, prepared by the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, together with a paper from the same source directing attention to the Hungarians in this country.

3. A report from the Board of Commissioner for Foreign Missions was received through its secretary and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, and of the Boards of Visitors and of Education, together with the reports of their respective treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received through the President of the Board, and referred to the Standing Committee of Heidelberg University.

6. The annual report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The annual report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Sundry other communications and papers bearing on different subjects were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars and action thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services, namely:

1. The sessions of the synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Religious Services would submit the following as our report:

First Reformed Church.—Wednesday evening, the opening sermon by Rev. J. M. Kendig. Thursday evening, Woman's Missionary Meeting. Friday evening, address on Temperance. Rev. S. C. Goss presiding officer.

PROGRAM.

Anthem.
Invocation.
Hymn.
Scripture.
Prayer.
Hymn.

Remarks by the presiding member of the committee in charge of coming service.

"The Temperance Question: Its Relative Importance in our Ecclesiastical Meetings and Discussions."

Song.

Address, The Traffic and Indulgence in Intoxicants, The Great Barrier to Home Evangelization, and the Moral and Religious Influence the Church should bring to bear. REV. S. B. YOCKEY.

Song.

Address, The Rum Power in Politics and our Duty as Christian Citizens. REV. I. S. HAHN.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee by REV. R. KELLER.

General discussion on same.

Song.

Benediction.

PROGRAM FOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MEETING.

SATURDAY EVENING.

1. Anthem by choir.
2. Invocation.
3. Hymn.
4. Reading of Scripture and Prayer.
5. Address, "Present Necessities of the cause of Beneficiary Education in the Ohio Synod." REV. DR. L. H. KEFAUVER.
6. Hymn.
7. Address, "The Need of a Theological Seminary in Our Day." ELDER H. ANKENEY.
8. Address, "The Relation of the Congregations of Synod to the Theological Seminary, and their Duty in Connection Therewith." REV. J. M. KENDIG.

Collection, Doxology and Benediction.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday morning. Sunday-school service at 9.45. Addresses by Elder N. L. Brewer, Rev. W. E. Ludwick and Rev. J. C. Schaaf.

Communion service in First Reformed Church, at 10.30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. J. Leberman, and altar service by Rev. C. W. Good and Rev. R. B. Reichard.

Workers' Convention at 3 P. M. Elder V. P. Van Horne to preside. Short talks on three lines of church work, viz: The Sunday-school, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. Five minutes speeches. Sunday-school. Discussion opened by Rev. A. E. Baichly. How to gather in children, by Rev. S. W. Seeman. Sunday-school in large cities, by Rev. C. E. Miller. Young People's Work: (1) Young People in Church Work, by Rev. A. D. Wolfinger. (2) Young People's Prayer Meeting, by Rev. W. H. Tussing. The Christian Endeavor movement, by Rev. L. B. C. Lahr. Work for young men: Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, by Rev. H. T. Spangler, of Collegeville, Pa.

Emanuel's Church.—At 10 A. M. Rev. J. L. Bretz.

St. Paul's Church.—At 10 A. M. Rev. E. M. Beck.

First Reformed Church.—At 7.30, Home Missions. Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander to preside. Addresses by Dr. Swander, Rev. D. S. Fouse, superintendent, and Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman.

First M. E. Church.—Sunday morning by Prof. E. R. Williard, and evening by Rev. A. E. Baichly.

Baptist Church.—Sunday morning by Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, and evening by Rev. I. S. Hahn.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning by Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne, and evening by Rev. S. B. Yockey

Reformed Church, Huntington.—Rev. Dr. S. C. Goss.

Grace Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne.—Sunday morning by Rev. R. C. Zartman, and evening by Rev. M. Loucks.

Salem Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, by Rev. Dr. H. Rust.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. XANDERS, *Chairman.*

The religious services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of Minutes of the General Synod, and three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the respective Standing Committees on Synodical Minutes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and afterwards adopted as a whole:

Your committee would respectfully report the following items in the Minutes of the General Synod as claiming the attention of this synod:

Item 1. The General Synod requests (page 57) the Board of the District Synods to continue their organizations and unite with the General Board so as to raise the necessary funds for the work.

Item 2. (*a*) The General Synod instructs the General Board of Missions (page 78) to prepare and submit a plan to the district synods at their next meeting for the better furtherance of the work. (*b*) It instructs the several synods (page 79) to see that the classes adopt some systematic plan so as to raise the necessary funds for carrying on the work of missions.

Item 3. The General Synod instructs the district synods (page 100) to take such action as will bring the cause of Foreign Missions more prominently before the church so as to cause them to give more liberally.

Item 4. The Orphans' Homes are (page 120) commended anew to the liberality and support of the church.

Item 5. The General Synod requests (page 127) that the Sunday-school literature supervised by its board be introduced in the schools of the Reformed Church.

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SATURD[illegible]

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3. Hymn. [illegible] may be overcome
4. Reading of Scripture [illegible]
5. Address, "Present [illegible] Society for
tion in the Ohio Synod." [illegible] Church in the
6. Hymn.
7. Address, "The [illegible] *Chairman.*

8. Address, "Th[illegible] [illegible] 10 and 11
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as instructed to change the sentence
uspension, and upon proper evidence
restore him to the functions of his office.
was appointed to define, at this synod,
lines of St. Joseph and Tiffin Classes."
grants "the request of Tuscarawas Classis to
as to include the City of Cleveland."
Stated Clerk is instructed to have 1,800 copies
published.
Revs. Dr. H. Rust and A. E. Baichly were elected
and *secundus* to the Central Synod.
A Standing Committee on the subject of Temper-
to submit a report to this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS C. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 1, 2, 3,
9 and 11; item 10 was adopted, and, on motion, Rev. Dr. H.
excused for non-attendance at the Central Synod.

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motion,

Resolved, That at this meeting a Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod be appointed to report on synodical minutes one year hence.

The committee appointed by the president consists of Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Isaac A. Sites, John C. Schaaf; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Irvin Yost.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes would respectfully report the following items. We have the pleasure of saying that all the minutes were presented in a neat pamphlet form except one.

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Miami Classis fails to state the place in which it will hold its next annual meeting in Germantown, O.

2. Tiffin Classis adjourned without naming the place of its next meeting at the final adjournment, though previously chosen.

3. Tiffin Classis also fails to state the place in which it will hold its annual sessions in Lima.

4. Tiffin Classis appointed the officers of classis to constitute the executive committee according to the new constitution before it was finally passed on by General Synod.

5. Tiffin Classis at a special meeting held in Canton, O., did not call the roll, neither were the sessions opened or closed with prayer. Also a special meeting at Tiffin was not opened or closed with prayer, according to the minutes.

6. The report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod in Miami Classis is not signed by the committee.

7. The Stated Clerks of Tiffin, Tuscarawas, and St. Joseph Classes do not attest that the minutes of their special meetings are official copies from original minutes.

8. St. Joseph Classis does not give the time and place of its annual meeting at its final adjournment.

9. St. Joseph Classis incorporates the minutes of a special meeting in its printed minutes this year which had been reported to the last annual meeting of the Ohio Synod.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED FROM SYNOD TO CLASSIS.

10. Tiffin Classis adopts all synod's requests, and took favorable action on the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies and Mission Bands, also a Woman's Classical Missionary Society as soon as possible.

11. Tiffin Classis adopted item referring to Ministerial Relief Society, and approves of the general purposes, but at present is not able to give proper attention to the matter.

12. Tiffin Classis heartily commends the cause of Foreign Missions to its churches.

13. Miami Classis adopted and took favorable action on all the subjects referred to it by the Ohio Synod.

14. Miami Classis adopted the recommendations of synod in the J. T. Hale case, and after an examination into the evidences of his repentance and reformation restored J. T. Hale to the Gospel Ministry.

15. Miami Classis took special action on liquidating the mission debt, as well as upon the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

16. St. Joseph Classis adopted all synod's requests and took such action as was required.

17. St. Joseph Classis specially instructed their Stated Clerk to strike out that part of the statistical Sunday-school reports, which is not in harmony with the action of the Ohio Synod.

18. Eastern Ohio Classis adopted all the requests of synod, and called the roll to see if congregations had taken up collection for misson debt.

19. Tuscarawas Classis adopts all synods requests with favorable action on all items.

20. Tuscarawas Classis takes special note of the amounts apportioned to it by synod; as well as of the meeting of Ohio Synod, its time and place of annual meeting at Bluffton, Ind., and calls to account the absentees from the last annual meeting of synod.

21. Lancaster Classis acknowledged its irregularity by correcting error, and adopted all the items referred to it by synod.

III. REQUESTS OF CLASSIS TO SYNOD.

22. Lancaster Classis at a special meeting held at Rushville, O., September 23, took certain action upon the Chancellorship of Heidelberg University, making a special request of the Ohio Synod.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

23. Miami Classis received Rev. R. R. Lackey from the Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; licentiate Chas. E. Miller from Tuscarawas Classis and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry; and dismissed Rev. D. W. Ebbert to Wyoming Classis of the Eastern Synod, and Rev. J. T. Hale to Tiffin Classis.

24. St. Joseph Classis licensed B. H. Roth and J. C. Smith; dismissed B. H. Roth to Eastern Ohio Classis; Rev. I. Rothenberger to Tiffin Classis, Revs. J. H. Albright and N. H. Loose to Lancaster Classis, Rev. J. R. Skinner to Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior, and licentiate J. C. Smith to St. John's Classis, Central Synod; and received Rev. S. A. Alt from Wichita Classis, licentiate H. S. Bailey from Tiffin Classis and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry.

25. St. Joseph Classis received the congregation at Nottawa, Mich., and a committee to install Rev. T. J. Bacher, pastor.

26. Tiffin Classis received Rev. I. Rothenberger from St. Joseph Classis; Rev. J. J. Excell from Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. J. T. Hale from Miami Classis; Rev. J. Kost, D. D., from the Protestant Methodist Church; Rev. J. B. Shumaker from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. M. Mueller from Heidelberg Classis; Rev. F. H. Keller from Kansas Classis; H. S. Bailey, student for the ministry from Lancaster Classis; examined and licensed H. S. Bailey and N. A. Ernst, and ordained A. H. Zechiel and N. A. Ernst to the Gospel Ministry; dismissed licentiate H. S. Bailey to St. Joseph Classis; Rev. F. M. Shults to Iowa Classis; and Rev. F. B. Hahn to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

27. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed Rev. N. W. Bloom to Tuscarawas Classis; and received licentiate B. H. Roth from St. Joseph Classis and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry.

28. Tuscarawas Classis received licentiate H. L. Beam from Tiffin Classis; licentiate Wilson R. Stearley from Philadelphia Classis and ordained licentiate H. L. Beam and Wilson R. Stearley to the Gospel Ministry; received Rev. N. W. Bloom from Eastern Ohio Classis; and dismissed Rev. J. H. Beck to St. John's Classis and Rev. J. J. Excell to

Tiffin Classis, licentiate C. E. Miller to Miami Classis; Rev. H. L. Beam to Illinois Classis, and Rev. J. A. Danner to East Susquehannah Classis.

29. Lancaster Classis received Rev. N. H. Loose from St. Joseph Classis; Rev. J. H. Albright from the same classis, Rev. A. D. Wolfinger from Philadelphia Classis of the Eastern Synod; dismissed H. S. Bailey to Tiffin Classis; Rev. L. B. C. Lahr to Miami Classis.

NECROLOGY.

30. Miami Classis reports the death of Rev. Jesse Steiner of Millerstown, O., and proper memorial services were held at the annual meeting in Greenville, Ohio, and Tiffin Classis reports the death of Rev. David S. Caldwell of Nevada, O.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

31. Miami Classis will meet in Germantown, O., the first Thursday evening after full moon in May 1891, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. James H. Steele, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; and Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

32. Lancaster Classes will meet in Salem Reformed Church of the Kinnikinnick charge the first Thursday on or before full moon in May 1891, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. S. L. Runkel, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

33. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Salem Reformed Church at Canal Fulton, O., on Thursday, June 4th, 1891, at 9 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. A. Novinger, President; Rev. R. C. Zartman, Stated Clerk; and Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

34. Tiffin Classis will meet at Lima, Ohio, on May 21, 1891, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. G. H. Souder, President; Rev. J. D. Neff, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

35. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in the Reformed Church in New Jefferson, Harrison Co., O., on Thursday before full moon in May, 1891, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., President; Rev. G. W. Henning, Stated Clerk, and Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer.

36. St. Joseph Classes will meet in Three Rivers, Mich., on Wednesday, May 21, 1891, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. H. Xanders, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; and Elder Benjamin Ashbaucher, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LOUCKS, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36. Item 22 was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed by the president to report on said minutes to synod at its next annual meeting, consists of Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Dr. Henry M. Herman, John M. Kendig; Elders Joseph Griesbaum and Daniel W. Souder.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report, which was received, and having been considered item by item, adopted as a whole.

Your Committee on Overtures report the following items:

Item 1. A paper from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 2. A communication from the superintendent of the St. Paul Orphan Home.

Item 3. A letter addressed to the President of the Synod, and a petition numerously signed by citizens of Tiffin with reference to the late action of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University in the election of its chancellor.

Item 4. A petition from the members of the faculty of Heidelberg University, requesting this body not to adopt any action that would tend to withdraw the moral support of the synod and the church from the university.

Item 5. Letters from Rev. George H. Souder and Rev. John Stuck, asking to be excused for absence from this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and for action thereon see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; items 3 and 4 were adopted, and for action in the matter see Article XV., Heidelberg University; item 5 adopted and request granted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee begs leave to report that no applications came to them for examination, licensure or ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, during the forenoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—"Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

We present herewith a summary of the reports that have come into our hands from the different classes. It is with no little pleasure and gratitude that we are able to report that throughout our synod there are evidences of life and activity, of constant efforts to advance the Master's kingdom, and of encouraging results as following after the work of the church. But there is also evidence of a constant need for more work and for constant watchfulness against the church's foes. The ministry are reported from all our classes as having been able to attend to their work, and there are frequent expressions of gratitude for the good health of the clergy. Some, indeed, have been hindered for a season in their work through sickness, but the larger part reported to the classes that their health had been preserved, thus enabling them to continue the duties of their office. For this, indeed, we ought to return thanks to a kind and loving God.

There has been a large amount of work, good work, and well done, on the part of both pastorate and members. In the reports the work done occupies a considerable share. The preaching of the gospel has been faithfully attended to, and the ordinances of the church have been regularly administered. But there are frequent expressions of regret that many of our members do not avail themselves of these privileges of grace. The great body of the membership are faithful, but too many neglect these divinely appointed means of grace. One report says: "The one disheartening feature apparent in the statistical tables is this: the few infant baptisms." Another says: "The children are not as regularly dedicated to the Triune God, nor are they as regularly instructed in the duties of our holy religion as the Reformed Church is accustomed to emphasize." The statistics indicate also that too large a percentage of the membership do not attend the Holy Supper. There are about thirty per cent of this class. This is indeed a discouraging exhibit.

The same state of affairs exists in regard to the instruction of the youth in the catechetical class. While largely this is the custom, everywhere there are evidences of the reverse. We ought to watch closely this tendency throughout the church. If catechisation, which is so important an element in our Reformed Church, is largely neglected, and if observation shows this tendency to neglect is increasing, the church should see to it that measures be taken to correct, or serious results may follow. We must be true to our distinctive denominational life and

customs, and especially true to matters as important as the ordiances of divine institution, and the no less divine order of instructing and training the youth.

In the Sabbath-schools a great, and we believe, a good work is being done. There is a deep interest in the cause manifest in all our bounds. The number of helpers as well as of scholars is increasing. Better helps are at hand, and increased efficiency in the teaching force is easily observable. From this, great results may be looked for. Our Sunday-schools furnish a large part of our annual increase in the churches.

The work thus done has resulted in accessions to the church in every part. While we long for greater increase, yet we rejoice that so many have been gathered.

The efforts put forth to increase the contributions of the people are yet being made. The returns, though far from what they ought to be, are encouraging. The various benevolent objects have received support, some of them largely. There is yet room for growth, but the seed sown will in time bring forth an abundant harvest.

The various societies, missionary and those for young people, are to be regarded in the main as evidence of growth and progress. They are doing much to increase the interest of our young men and women in the church. They assist in developing the various talents of men and women, acquaint them with the world's need for Christ, quicken their interest in their fellowmen, and from such work we may look for increased almsgiving, increased work for the Lord's kingdom.

Cases of discipline are rare, and yet enough occur to indicate a use of the keys of Christian discipline. Discipline by excommunications are few, but through erasures many names are dropped from the roll, one classis alone reporting 409 cases.

These exhibits should warn us all of the absolute necessity of increased activity in every part and in every department of church work. As one report expresses itself: "Evidently we are not moving heavenward on flowery beds of ease. We are passing through many trials and tribulations. The ideal of the Lord's kingdom has not been fully realized throughout the bounds of this classis, as we had hoped. We cannot report progress along the whole line. At some points the kingdom of darkness seems to hold the balance of power, while at other parts the kingdom of light has gained victory after victory." What is said of this classis is true of the synod—indeed of the church throughout the world. While there are many features in our work that will lead us to "thank God and take courage," there are others that teach us the constant necessity of watchfulness and prayer.

There yet remains for us to report the departure from the church militant to the church triumphant of two of our fellow-workmen.

Rev. David S. Caldwell, of Tiffin Classis departed this life in Nevada, Ohio, on the 6th day of September, A. D. 1889. The classical report

says: "His labors on earth are ended and his heavenly reward secured. Peace to his ashes and rest to his soul in paradise. And may his death be the means of stimulating us to increased activity in our ministerial labors, not knowing the day nor the hour, in which the Lord will call us to give an account of our stewardship."

Miami Classis reports the death of another minister, of whom the report says: "Our congratulations over the work of last year, are hushed by the death of a brother minister. Rev. Jesse Steiner answered the summons December 19th, 1889, and is gone to his reward. He answers not our roll call for he must needs be at his coronation and take his place among the redeemed in heaven. We lament his absence, and feel an additional burden resting upon us, for he shared to the full measure of his strength in the work of the ministry, and yet rejoice in the goodness of God, that doeth all things well."

Thus gathering lessons from the past year, as we glance over its various features, lessons to warn and encourage us, let us look forward to the work before us, and with firm trust in Christ's abiding presence let us all do that which our hands find to do.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers on the subject of missions were received, duly considered, and also adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

DEAR BRETHREN: Your board begs leave to report that its work during the past year has been nothing more than that of an advisory nature.

This has been carried on for the most part by correspondence, but in part by conferences between individual members of this board with the Executive Committee of General Synod's Board in their quarterly meetings. This last work has been done for the most part by Revs. Leberman and Kendig who are members of both this and the General Board.

We call your attention to the fact that the term of office of the above named two persons expires with the date of the present sessions of this synod.

We submit herewith the report of the General Board.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *President of Board.*

2. *Report of Board of Home Missions of General Synod.*

To the Synod of Ohio:

BRETHREN: It becomes the pleasant duty of this board to make its second annual report to your reverend body of the work done among the missions entrusted to its care. In doing so it is meet, right and our bounden duty, first of all, to give thanks to God for His goodness toward us, and especially for the signal success with which He has crowned our feeble efforts in carrying forward the missionary interests of the church. While much has been done during the short time that the board has been in active operation, and, while the future looks hopeful, yet we cannot but lament the fact that we have neither the men nor the means to answer all the appeals that are made upon us for help. From every direction comes the Macedonian Cry. We cannot extend a helping hand to all, much as we would like to do so. These numerous calls, we consider, a good omen for our Zion. They are an evidence that the church is awake to the importance of the missionary work. They are an assurance, furthermore, that the love for the Church of their fathers, still burns in the bosoms of those who have been denied the privileges of her ministrations. But it is an evidence also, that God is honoring us in committing this important work into our hands. Are we willing to honor the call that God is thus making upon us? The future must answer this question. The formal transfer of the missions of the Pittsburg Synod and, also those of the Classis of Philadelphia, was made to the General Board, at its meeting, or rather that of its Executive Committee in Pittsburg, in January last. The field of operations of the General Board has thus been greatly widened since the last report was made to your honorable body. The missions from these bodies came under the rule laid down by this board, namely, that the board shall have full and complete authority over them, but that the boards of these bodies shall sustain an advisory relation to the General Board. During the year two missions were dropped. Two became self-supporting. The new missions enrolled are, Lincoln, Neb., New Basil, and Hiawatha, Kans. Plymouth, Ind. Columbus, North Akron and Jerusalem and Mt. Zwingli, Ohio. Cumberland, Md., and Franklinville, Philadelphia, Pa., making nine in all. The whole number of missions now under the board is thirty-four. We here give notes on these missions, making it a special point to state how long these fields have been missions, also giving their present strength, with gain and loss during the past year, etc. Those in the bounds of the Pittsburg Synod are as follows:

Johnstown, Pa. Has been a mission — years. Members 125. Unconfirmed eighty. Infants baptized eight. The new church to take the place of the one destroyed by the flood, will be erected soon. Appropriation last year $500. Same this year. Rev. W. H. Bates, missionary.

Braddock, Pa. Rev. E. S. Hassler, pastor. Has been in the field two years. Mission two years old. Members ninety. Unconfirmed, seventy-five. Gains, sixteen. Losses, thirteen. Prospects good. Appropriation last year $700. The present year $650.

Wilkinsburg, Pa. Rev. James S. Freeman, pastor for four years. Has been a mission nineteen years. Members 124. Unconfirmed sixty-eight. Gains eight. Losses three. Better prospects than ever before. Appropriation last year $300. This year $250.

McKeesport, Pa. Rev. H. D. Darbaker, the present pastor, organized the mission seven years ago. Has a valuable church property centrally located. Members eighty-one. Unconfirmed fifty. Gains seventeen. Losses eleven. Appropriation last year $500. This year $450. Prospects good.

Scottdale, Pa. Rev. J. H. Mickley, pastor. Has been a mission under its present form five years. Has just finished a fine parsonage. Members 126. Unconfirmed fifty-six. Gains seventeen. Losses twenty-six. Appropriation last year $150. This year the same. Prospects reasonably good.

Dubois, Pa. Rev. R. C. Crum, pastor. Has been here over four years. A mission ten years. Members eighty-nine. Unconfirmed eighty-nine. Gains sixteen. Losses eighteen. Appropriation last year $300. The same this year. The last of the church debt has been provided for. Prospects fair.

Jeannette, Pa. Rev. N. H. Skyles, pastor. Has had charge since it was first organized sixteen months ago. Members seventy-eight. Unconfirmed fifty-eight. Gains thirty. Losses two. Appropriation $700. Prospects very flattering. House of worship erecting during the past year. A parsonage will be erected the coming year.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

Grace Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Rev. A. K. Zartman, pastor. Has been for two and a-half years. Has been a mission seven years. Members 200. Unconfirmed fifty-two. Gains forty-four. Losses ten. Appropriation last year $400. This year $350. Has a good chapel and a new parsonage. Prospects very encouraging.

Colon, Mich. Rev. J. H. Albright resigned this field in May last. Members 100. Unconfirmed fifty-two. Gains fifteen. Losses seven. This field will be attached to a neighboring charge, if agreeable to St. Joseph Classis, when it will be self-sustaining. Appropriation last year $100.

Plymouth, Ind. Rev. N. H. Loose resigned this field June 30, 1890. Rev. J. T. Hale took charge to date from July 1, 1890. Has been a mission since October 1, 1889. Members eighty. Unconfirmed forty. Gain ten. Losses four. Prospects fair. Appropriation $275.

Greenville, Ohio. Rev. W. E. Ludwick, pastor. Has been a mission some ten years. Members fifty-six. Unconfirmed twenty-two. Gains fourteen. Losses none. Appropriation $450. Prospects very good.

Paulding, O. Rev. J. W. Barber, pastor. A mission eight years. Rev. Barber has been pastor five years. Members 122. Unconfirmed ninety. Gains sixteen. Losses eleven. Appropriation last year $200. This year $150. Prospects fair.

Lima, Ohio. Rev. N. A. Ernst, pastor. Has been pastor six months. Has been a mission eight years. Appropriation last year $450. This year $400. Prospects only tolerably good.

Liberty Center, Ohio. Rev. J. J. Excell, pastor. Has been a mission five years. Present pastor in the field six months. Members 107. Unconfirmed sixty-five. Gain three. Appropriation $100. Hopeful for the future.

Ada, Ohio. Rev. I. A. Sites, pastor. Will be vacant October 1, 1890. Has been a mission five years. Members 138. Unconfirmed seventy. Gain thirteeen. Losses five. Appropriation last year $200. This year $175. Prospects only middling good.

Columbus, Ohio. Rev. S. W. Seeman, pastor. Organized in May last with forty-eight members. Has seventy-one members now. Appropriation $1,000. The outlook for the mission is very good.

Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. W. R. Stearley, pastor. Organized eighteen months ago. Now has sixty members. Lot has been purchased and a chapel will be erected in the spring of 1891. Prospects bright. Appropriation $900.

Warren, Ohio. Rev. W. H. Shults, pastor. This mission is two years old. Members 155. Unconfirmed forty-two. Gains sixteen. Losses four. This field has a hopeful future before it. Appropriation $200.

Jerusalem and Mt. Zwingli, Ohio. This is sometimes known as the Bremen field. Was enrolled April 1, 1890. Rev. J. H. Albright has taken charge. Members 113. Appropriation $100. Will soon be self-sustaining.

North Akron, Ohio. This mission was arranged for in August last and was formally enrolled to date from October 1, 1890. Not being fully organized as yet no statistics are at hand. Rev. E. D. Wettach has been commissioned for the field with an appropriation of $800.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Lyons, Kans. Rev. A. Casselman, pastor. Has been a mission ten years. Present pastorate three years. Members seventy-two. Unconfirmed forty. Gain twenty-two. Losses seven. Appropriation last year $600. This year $500. Prospects fair.

New Basel, Kans. Rev. A. Bolliger, pastor. A mission since July 1, 1890. Members eighty-five. Unconfirmed 105. Prevailingly German. The outlook reported good. Appropriation $100.

Wathena, Kans. Rev. J. G. Martin, pastor. Has been a mission eight years. German and English. Members 100. Appropriation $100. Outlook good.

Hiawatha and Baker, Kans. Rev. A. G. Lohman, pastor. Mission one year. Members 133. Unconfirmed ninety-four. Gain twelve. Losses three. Appropriation last year $200. This year $150. The missionary is much encouraged in his work.

Lincoln, Neb. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. Mission since January 1, 1890. The beginning is small but the missionary is hopeful. There are now twenty-three members. The mission will require careful handling and strong support.

Altamont, Ill. Rev. J. Wolbach, pastor. This is an old mission and if possible should be attached elsewhere. Members sixty-six. Unconfirmed fifty-three. Gains three. Losses two. Appropriation last year $300. This year $250. The outlook is rather gloomy.

Damascus, Ill. Rev. J. Sechler, pastor. Mission three years. Members fifty-eight. Unconfirmed 30. Gain two. Losses two. Appropriation last year and this $150. The mission is noted for its liberality. Outlook favorable.

Redfield, South Dakota. Rev. F. W. Stump, pastor. Will be vacant after October 1, 1890. There are only twenty-three members and some of these are leaving because of the failure of crops. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, it was determined to discontinue the mission for the present.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

Phœnixville, Pa. Rev. F. C. Yost, pastor. Has been a mission four years. Present pastorate nine months. Members 160. Unconfirmed fifty. Gains forty-nine. Losses one. Appropriation $300. The prospects are encouraging.

Trinity, Norristown, Pa. Rev. J. B. Henry, pastor. Has been a mission eighteen years. Present pastorate two years. Members 176. Unconfirmed forty-two. Gains thirty-five. Losses two. Appropriation $200. The prospects are that the field will be self-supporting in the near future.

Linfield, Pa. Rev. J. A. Mertz, pastor. The field is in good condition financially and otherwise. Members eighty. Unconfirmed fifteen. Gains nineteen. Losses two. Appropriation $50. Self-supporting soon.

Prospectville, Pa. Rev. A. H. Hibshman, pastor. Mission since June 1, 1890. No full statistics at hand as yet. Prospects encouraging. Appropriation $300.

Bethel, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Wilson Delaney, pastor. This mission is some five years old. Pastor is encouraged. Appropriation last year $600. This year $550.

NEW MISSIONS.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee at Columbiana, Ohio, September 16, 1890, the following missions were enrolled in addition to the one in North Akron.

Cumberland, Md. This was taken up by request of Somerset Classis. It is deemed a favorable opening. Rev. E. E. Weller, was commissioned for this field with an appropriation of $500.

Franklinville, Philadelphia, Pa. Taken up by the urgent request of the German brethren of Philadelphia. U. O. Silvius was commissioned for the place. Appropriation $300.

STATISTICS.

As the tabulated statistics of the missions will appear in the tables of the classes to which they severally belong, it is not deemed necessary to give here anything more than a summary of the statistics. These are as follows:

Number of missions	34
Members	3,013
Unconfirmed members	1,479
Gains	507
Losses	176
Contributions for Home Purposes	$19,957
For Benevolence	$2,897
Sunday-schools	43
Enrollment of Sunday-schools	3,621
Missionary Societies	21
Enrollment of Missionary Societies	502
Infants Baptized	172
Number of Churches	35
Number of Parsonages	6
Value of Property	$78,400
Paid to Missions	$1,202
Amount of Appropriations from April 1, 1890, to April 1, 1891	$13,990
Church Papers taken	400

The sum of the appropriations includes the salary of the superintendent, but in addition to this are the appropriations made at the last meeting of the Executive Committee making it $14,790, less the missions dropped which leaves it about $14,000. The value of the church property includes $5,400, the value of the parsonage property. It will be seen from this table that the members of the missions average nearly $1 per member for benevolence, and over $6 per member for home purposes, while they pay nearly an average of forty cents per member for missions. Several of the missions reported have not yet been fully organized and their complete statistics could not be obtained. We congratulate the synod upon the fact that the missions are all supplied with pastors, with two exceptions, and in one of these cases arrangements are being made by which it will become self-sustaining, while in the other a man is in view for the field. Four of the missions lately enrolled are in large cities. Two of the missions should be connected with

fore asks of, and urges upon the synods the apportionment of this sum upon the classes as follows:

Synod of Ohio	$7,500
Synod of Pittsburg	4,500
Classis of Philadelphia	2,000
	$14,000

This may seem rather a large sum, but the work is enlarging upon our hands and we believe that the missionary spirit is growing among the people, and that by the grace of God this sum can and will be freely contributed by them. Nowhere is there greater need of earnest missionary work than in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. In this manufacturing region of our land seems to be "the gathering of the nations," and it behooves us as a church to be ready to claim our rightful share in the great work of leading the people to Christ. There should be more than eight missions in the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, and the board is disposed to take hold of the work more vigorously if the funds are forthcoming, and your board will advise in the matter of determining where it is most necessary and important to plant the missions. These increased contributions will be the more necessary if we open the proposed missions among the Hungarians of this country, as recommended by the General Synod at its late meeting in Lebanon, and for which the board is now seeking suitable men as missionaries. This is the time in the history of our church when a great work can be done for the extension of her borders. Let us not fail to improve the opportunities that are within our reach.

A REQUEST.

There is seemingly a disposition among those who are called to the mission fields, to disregard the relation they sustain to the board. The same is true of the missions themselves. Pastors are called without consulting the board. Pastors enter the mission fields or vacate them without consulting the board. This is the subversion of lawful authority, and has a tendency to demoralize the work of the board. We therefore earnestly request of the synods that they instruct the Advisory Boards and the classes—that when pastors are to be called for fields under the care of this board—notice shall be given this board prior to the calling of such pastor—and prior also to the election of such pastor. Neither shall a pastor leave a mission under the care of this board without giving two months notice to the superintendent of the board.

Finally brethren—praying that the churches may take a deeper interests in the work of missions, and that God's blessings may rest upon us as a denomination in the great and important work committed to our hands, we submit this report to the synods, asking that liberal things may be by you devised for the advancement of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *President.*

3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States from October 2, 1889, to October 1, 1890.*

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To cash on hand	$ 7 18	
Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	1,200 57	
Tuscarawas Classis, Mr. E. K. Kremer	1,091 75	
Lancaster Classis, Rev. Geo. H. Leonard	857 67	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn	603 95	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. D. Neff	491 82	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. W. H. Xanders	147 72	
Illinois Classis, Rev. J. Sechler	30 15	
Bequest of Miss Sarah Winnings, Germano, O.	152 97	
A lady of limited means	5 00	
Ottis Barnett and wife	2 00	
Rev. C. M. Schaaf	10 00	
Rev. C. E. Miller	2 00	
Rev. S. P. Mauger	1 00	
Rev. D. S. Fouse	4 00	
Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., L.L.D.	5 00	
Special pledges, Rev. D. S. Fouse	186 25	
Due the treasurer	4 30	
		$4,803 33

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Charles Santee, Treasurer Gen. Synod Board	$3,325 10	
Rev. D S. Fouse, Supt. of Missions	669 45	
Rev. A Casselman	254 15	
Rev. A. K. Zartman	120 50	
Rev. J. W. Barber	143 12	
Rev. F. W. Stump	77 00	
Rev. F. M. Shults	97 63	
Rev. H. F. Keller	30 60	
Rev. D. W. Ebbert	19 46	
Rev. W. E. Ludwick	2 00	
Rev. J. H. Albright	3 25	
Rev. J. Wolbach	42 94	
Postage, exchange and stationery	18 13	
		$4,803 33

ARREARAGES.

Rev. J. W. Barber	$101 21
Rev A. K. Zartman	87 24
Rev. F. M. Shults	109 27
Rev. F. W. Stump	281 00
Rev. F. H. Keller	19 54

In minutes of Synod for 1889, the treasurer failed to transcribe in his reports the following amounts:

Paid Rev. F. H. Keller	$200 08	
Paid money borrowed	125 00	
Paid Rev. J. Sechler less	55	
(See Minutes of 1889, page 20)		325 63
		$5,227 73

Respectfully submitted,

LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

4. *Report of the Board of Church Erection.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—That there is in the Ohio Synod a Board of Church Erection, becomes apparent at least once a year, at the time of presenting the annual report.

It is to be regretted that as a church we thus comparatively forget the wise purpose of synod in years past in electing a board of this kind, and that we thus allow the great home missionary enterprise of the church to be retarded because of the lack of funds.

Hopeful points have been indicated, cries for help have come to us during the year. Gladly would we have gone to the help of the Lord in helping to found these churches, but were not able because of lack of funds. We notice, with gladness, the resolution, page 79 in report of General Synod, in which they urge the establishment of a "Church Building Fund." This may indicate that the necessary and proper interest may be awakening in this matter.

It is apparent in certain classes that if there is any part of the apportionment not paid it is most likely to be that for the work of church erection. This should not be. We have been able, during the year, to reduce the debt, so that only one note remains unpaid. In order that the entire debt be paid, we would respectfully ask of synod an apportionment that will entirely relieve us of debt. The treasurer's report will indicate that an apportionment of $900 made and paid will accomplish this much to be desired object.

We call attention to the fact that Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman through us presents his resignation as a member of the board. Also that the terms of office of Revs. J. H. Steele and W. H. Shults expires at the time of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *President.*

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5. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. E. R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 1, 1890.

1889.	DR.	
Oct. 2.	Balance in treasury	$127 [illegible]
Nov. 9.	To cash from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer of Tiffin Classis	6 00
" 28.	" " " " " " "	5 65
1890.		
Feb. 17.	" " " " " " "	4 [illegible]
Mar. 18.	" from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Miami Classis	3 18
" 27.	" " " " " " " "	4 [illegible]
Apr. 7.	" " " " " " " "	9 20
" 11.	" " " " " " " "	[illegible]
	Carried forward	$112 [illegible]

		Amount carried forward	$212 87
"	16.	" from E. K. Kremer, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis	100 00
"	19.	" from Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer of Eastern Ohio Classis	7 50
"	28.	" " " " " " " "	35 25
May	7.	" from Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis	32 06
"	15.	" from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer of Tiffin Classis	84 61
Sept.	6.	" from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Miami Classis	5 45
"	24.	" from Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer of Tiffin Classis	5 56
			$433 80

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 1, 1890.

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1888.			
Nov.	5.	To John Castanien, interest on note to date	$12 00
1890.			
Jan.	15.	To Mrs. E. M. Sandoe, interest on note to date	60 00
Mar.	17.	To Rev. W. H. Shults, traveling expenses	6 00
"	17.	To Rev. James H. Steele, traveling expenses	6 10
Aug.	15.	To John Castanien, principle and interest on note for Ada Church lot, in full to date	210 00
		To postage and stationery	1 00
			$295 10
		In tresurer's hands	138 20
			$433 30

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer.*

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6. *Report of Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Another year with its joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, triumphs and defeats has run its course; and in response to a deep sense of duty, we call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless the name of the Lord. The God of Missions has been with us, and we will not forget His benefits.

The progress of the Gospel in Japan has not been as perceptible as in previous years, still there is no mission field that shows better results. The proclamation of the new constitution, the failure of the treaty revision, the change of government and the hatred to foreigners, have all combined to unsettle the public mind and to make it less receptive to the Gospel. That there has been no serious interference to the work under the political excitement is great cause for special gratitude to God, who maketh even the wrath of men to praise Him.

It must be borne in mind, that the Japanese are, at present, in a transitional period, and it would well nigh be a miracle, if the transition, from the pagan religion and the ancestral polity to Christianity, were

not accompanied by resistance, even unto blood. The idea that Japan will be wholly won for Christ is the assertion of the enthusiast. No nation is wholly Christian. Perhaps there is no nation so strongly under the power of the Gospel as our own native land, and yet, even here, the powers of evil make themselves felt in many ways. Japan will be a Christian nation. The cross will overcome the scepter of heathendom in the empire of the East and tower high above the wrecks of time.

The annual reports of the missionaries breathe the spirit of entire consecration to the Master's use. For the information of the reverend synod, I will insert a few extracts, which portray their labors during the past year.

REV. J. P. MOORE.

As is known, in July of last year, I removed from Yamagata to Sendai, since which time I have labored with the brethren of the mission, teaching several hours a day in the Theological Training School, and as I had opportunity and strength, assisting in the evangelistic work in and around Sendai. I also made several visits to our Tokio stations, preaching and administering the sacraments; and I am happy to say that this part of our work has shown signs of new life since my last report. What I do in the Training School is an investment which, I believe, will bear compound interest in the future of our evangelistic operations.

REV. W. E. HOY.

Teaching has been my primary work as a missionary. Every Monday evening I teach a Bible class, which meets in my library. I lecture at the congregational prayer meeting on the books of the Bible. Mrs. Hoy teaches a Bible class at our house on Tuesday afternoons. My progress in the vernacular is just enough to give me confidence, and I am beginning to see how much there is yet to be learned. Humanly speaking, much of our comfort and well-being can be traced to our board.

REV. D. B. SCHNEDER.

My work, as you know, has been mainly that of a teacher. This work brings with it little variety of experience, and all that I need record is that the work of teaching young men is becoming dearer to me, and I hope also, correspondingly more beneficial to the young men in our charge. The Sunday-schools under the care of myself and Mrs. Schneder have been prosperous during the year. I preach frequently, partly in Japanese, partly by interpretation.

MISS LIZZIE R. POORBAUGH.

It sometimes happens that when busied, there is least to be said about one's work. Such is the case in regard to my work for the present year. In addition to my class-room work, the oversight of two households, the care of ten supported girls, with whom we come in closer and more constant relations than with self-supporting girls, impose a

good deal of care upon me. I go into the school-room at half past seven every morning and continue on an average of five and a half hours. Allowing three hours for meals and recreation, there remains but three and one-half hours between six in the morning and six in the evening in which to look after the housekeeping of both houses, receive accounts and make settlements, attend to visitors, workmen, etc.

MISS EMMA F. POORBAUGH.

Apart from my work, my report must be brief. Five hours a day are spent in the school-room, where in addition to my classes in English I also meet my catechetical class and give lessons on the organ to six girls. My afternoons, when not interrupted by visitors, are given wholly to the language, a knowledge of which seems unattainable as it is necessary. Monday evening is always spent in consultation with the Japanese teachers, with reference to the needs, progress, etc., of the school. Wednesday evening I go to the prayer meeting and on Saturday evening I meet the girls socially. We read for an hour, explain what we have read, engage in conversation and end with games. The object of this meeting is to gain closer companionship with the girls than can be done in the class-rooms. This kind of work makes them feel that you are their friends as well as their teacher. Every Friday afternoon I give them an extra hour for sewing, knitting, etc. I also conduct evening prayers with the girls. Evenings not otherwise employed I give to the sewing machine, as it requires considerable of that kind of work to keep three people clothed.

SENDAI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Sendai Theological School has had a fruitful year. Twenty-six young men are preparing for the holy ministry. Next September we shall have our first regular class in the Theological Seminary proper. This course will be three years of thorough work in the branches commonly taught in American Theological Seminaries. We pray that a new teacher may be sent to us not later than September 1, 1890, so as to be in time for the new scholastic year.

The prospects of the school are good. A goodly number of promising young men have already signified their intentions to enter the new class for the next scholastic year. But if we wish to keep our students satisfied, we must enlarge the school and furnish the young men as wide a course of study, training and culture as may be given elsewhere. That which is done in this cause must be well done. If not well done, it were better to leave it undone.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The sudden revulsion of feeling against foreigners, of which one hears so much all over the Empire, is felt in our school, less perhaps than in some others, but it has suffered to prevent the growth we fondly ex-

pected. The girls that are in the school are loyal pupils, very grateful for the comforts provided for them, and evince their earnestness by hard work. There has been considerable illness among them during the winter, nothing serious, however, except in two instances. Miura O'Hama is wasting away with comsumption, and another has been confined for nearly a month with peritonitis. The Japanese girls are frail, and I often feel the need of fuller gymnastic appliances than we have for their benefit. Recently we received from the officers of the local government a proposition to make such changes in our course of study as will give young women an opportunity to secure a thorough Japanese education; this change in nowise to affect the moral or religious character of the school. In consideration of such change the Government and Educational Society of Sendai promise to bestow the weight of their influence in favor of the school. Hoping, believing, that this may prove our opportunity, we are making every effort to meet their requirements, in so far as the policy of the mission will permit. This will involve the employment of more and higher grade Japanese teachers during the coming year, but will require less of English, since we have concluded to teach all natural sciences and mathematics in Japanese. Whether the result will be what we desire, remains to be seen.

THE NEEDS OF THE MISSION—NEW SEMINARY BUILDING.

The necessity of a new seminary building has been keenly felt and strongly urged by the missionaries. Those who have read their appeals and arguments, can not help feeling the absolute necessity of prompt action. Relying upon the divine help and the liberality of the people, the board has authorized the mission to erect a suitable building for the use of the Sendai Theological Seminary. The new building will be located between the John Ault Memorial Hall and the old temple used by the Sendai Church. The designs call for seven recitation rooms, one reading room, a library and a chapel. The building will be in brick with blue stone trimmings. The contract has been made from July, 1890, to August, 1891. The board will need at least $4,000 additional for the building fund.

A GOOD LIBRARY.

The Theological Seminary needs a good library. The necessity is self-evident. Rev. W. E. Hoy has in care the sum of $1,580, raised in Japan, which the board will allow the mission to appropriate for the founding of a library. We unite with the mission in the hope that all our Reformed authors will donate copies of their works to the Sendai Theological Seminary.

NEW TEACHERS.

The mission asks for a new teacher for the seminary who will be in perfect sympathy with the work as now carried on in the educational

policies, and also for a new lady missionary for the girls' school. The ideal of a man for the position will be one who would come with the purpose of throwing his whole soul into the work of giving our young men a knowledge of the English language. The lady teacher should be a person of broad and liberal culture.

STATISTICS.

Owing to the meeting of the General Synod, the mission has sent the statistics for the year ending May 31, 1890, earlier than usual. The figures given at the end of this report represent the work of about nine months. The table is a study for the mind, a feast for the soul and an inspiration for every friend of foreign missions. When we consider the native opposition to Christianity and the other obstacles in the way, the missionaries did very well during the past year. Full of zeal and courage, they enter upon the new fiscal year with great expectations. May they realize their fondest hope. To this end we must do our duty. The Lord help us to appreciate the emphasis. It may be of interest to the reverend synod to hear the latest statistics of Protestant missions in Japan. The total membership in the Protestant mission churches is 31,181, with 274 organized churches, 153 of which are wholly, and 151 partially, self-supporting. There are 135 ordained native ministers and 409 unordained preachers and helpers. There are 350 Sabbath-schools, with 21,597 pupils, and 17 theological schools, with 275 students. The contributions of the churches during the year 1889 amounted to $53,503.-13. The United Church of Japan, of which our mission is an integral part, reports a membership of 8,690, and contributions, $18,071.04. This is only the beginning of the great harvest. The Japanese are calling for foreign helpers. Men to occupy new stations and money to support them, is the great cry of distress that comes to us from a people who promise so much towards the evangelization of the Orient.

FINANCIAL.

The appeal issued by the board to the pastors a few months ago, reveals the lamentable fact of an empty treasury, with an indebtedness of $5,000. The prospects of the mission have never been brighter, and with sufficient means we can carry forward the work successfully.

BRETHREN:—The General Synod has given its unanimous endorsement to the educational policy of the board, and the missionaries have a right to look to you for moral and financial support. It is not the board appealing to the churches for means, but the brave and indefatigable workers, who fulfill the divine command, "Go ye into all the world," in our stead. The cause of foreign missions has no apportionments to rely on, but the voluntary contributions of the people. The responsibility of maintaining the work rests with the pastors and the people. To the pastors the Lord looks for earnest effort. From the people the Lord expects large giving. We ask your prayers and sympa-

thies, your efforts and offerings in sowing the seed of truth upon the broad acres of the world's spiritual destitution, in the confident hope that the fruit thereof will appear, though it be after many days. May the loving Master grant us the light of his countenance, for then we shall see the path of duty.

Very sincerely yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-supporting.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Converts.	Membership.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological Schools.	Scholars in same.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi,	1			13	93			1	36				1	1		$113 30
Iwatsuki	1		1	9	98			1	40				1			185 00
Matsubayashi and Noda					40			1	40							9 00
Bancho.	1	1	1	31	235			1	105			1				370 00
	3	1	2	53	466			4	221			1	2	1		$677 30
Sendai, Fukushima, Nakamura, Hobara, Shiroishi, Tome, Yamagata, Tsurugaoka	4	1	6	104	729	1	40	10	461	1	26	5	5	2	2	1,200 00
Iwanuma	1		1	2	101			1	70				1			175 00
Ishinomaki	1			7	76			1	30				1			70 00
Furukawa	1		1	7	43			1	15				1			130 00
Hakodate.	1	1	1	45	120			1	73							287 85
Mombetsu, Mororan	1	1	1		121			1	45			1				295 00
	9	3	10	165	1190	1	40	15	694	1	26	6	8	2	2	$2,157 85
Grand Total,	12	4	12	218	1656	1	40	19	915	1	26	7	10	3	2	$2,835 15

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and as amended, together with all of the preceding reports relating to missions, and of the succeeding Plan of Unification of Missions, adopted:

To the Reverend of Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Missions, Home and Foreign, have examined all the papers that came into their hands, and find the following items claiming the attention of this synod:

First is the report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, which abounds in encouragement to those interested in the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands. The work is being extended, and the claims upon the liberality of the church are pressing, and the plain duty of greater efforts for enlarged benevolence and information at home upon the subject is imperative.

Your committee recommends the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the entire paper from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions be published in our minutes, and that our ministers call special attention to its contents as expressing both the state and necessities of our foreign work.

Resolved, That our ministers and churches be requested to take up special collections for the foreign work, and to seek to create increased interest among our people by special sermons or lectures upon this important subject.

Resolved, That our churches have their attention called to the library requests of our missionaries at Sendai and urged to contribute funds and books.

Resolved, That we hail with delight the demand for more missionaries, and call the attention of our own synod to the fact that some one found in our bounds to go to the foreign field, would greatly increase our home interest.

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the action of the Board of Home Missions for their movement in home work in large cities and promise them all moral and financial support.

Resolved, That synod indorses the action of the board in requiring missions and missionaries to comply with the board's regulations in securing missionaries.

Resolved, That we commend the five dollar subscription plan as commended by the board and give it our approbation.

Resolved, That we make our apportionment of ten cents per member for Church Erection, and instruct the Board of Church Erection that they shall first pay the debt of their board and transfer the surplus funds to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod for church building purposes.

Resolved, That we apportion seven thousand five hundred dollars for general home mission work.

We audited the report of the Treasurer on Home Missions and found it correct, and we recommend its adoption.

We also examined the Tract, submitted by General Synod's Board, proposing a Plan for the Unification of the Home Mission work of the Reformed Church, and recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod, in approving the efforts put forth

to unify our Home Mission work under the Board of the General Synod, adopts the Plan of Unification submitted by General Synod's Board, and regards it on the whole as an equitable adjustment of the difficulties involved in the matter of such unification; and that the said Plan for the Unification of our Home Mission work be embodied in the printed minutes of synod.

The communication from Rev. H. N. Cobb, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, requesting two men to take charge of Educational Institutions of said church, one located at Nyasaki and the other at Amoy. In view of this, it was

Resolved, That our Board of Home Missions recommends that if any young men are found in the bounds of the Ohio Synod, who feel themselves called to this work, they make application to Rev. H. N. Cobb, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, 26 Reade street, New York.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to acknowledge the receipt of this letter and express the hearty sympathy and desire for cooperation in this work.

A communication from the President and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of our church in reference to carrying on missionary work among Hungarians in this country.

Your board recommends our churches to take special collections for this cause. Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HALE, *Chairman.*

The following action in regard to the remaining debt of the board was adopted:

WHEREAS, There still remains an indebtedness upon our Synodical Mission Board, more or less embarassing to us as a synod; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod be authorized to pay the whole out of the contingent funds, provided the amount does not exceed four hundred dollars.

III. PLAN OF UNIFICATION OF HOME MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its late session in Lebanon, Pa., instructed its Board of Home Missions to formulate a plan for the more practical unification of the Home Mission work of the church, to be submitted to all the district synods, therefore, the board would submit the following action on this subject to the synods, to wit:

WHEREAS, General Synod has constituted its Board of Missions, by its charter, with twelve members regardless of any ratio from the district synods themselves, as district synods in the nature of the case, can only be represented in General Synod's Board, in their advisory capacity, we would therefore recommend:

1. The continuance in each district synod of a board as advisory in its functions to the general board.

2. The General Board of Home Missions shall have supreme control and management of all the home mission interests of the church, subject in its responsibility to the General Synod alone. (See Section III., Article 70, of the Constitution.)

3. That as soon as the German Synods of the church shall transfer their missions to the care of the General Board, two members of the board, members of German Synods, shall be added to the Executive Committee, to have voice and vote in said committee.

4. All funds to be paid through the district treasurers, into the hands of the Treasurer of the General Board.

5. A "mission," in the strict and true sense, shall be regarded as an organization of Christian people in a locality where the Reformed Church has hitherto not been established, or if established, where another church may be called for and needed. Any former organization of the Reformed Church having died out, or a former effort to establish the church having failed, shall not be regarded as a barrier to the location of a mission in any locality if in the judgment of the general board a mission is there needed. The length of time when a congregation shall be regarded as a mission shall be determined by circumstances of the validity of which the General Board shall be the ultimate judge.

An already existing congregation, once self-supporting, but which from whatever cause has become unable to support its own pastor, ordinarily should not be regarded as a purely mission interest.

6. The creation in each district synod of a sustentation fund for the help of weak churches, which would not strictly come under the Board of Missions.

All congregations once self-supporting, but which can no longer support the gospel ordinances without aid, should be assisted by sustentation, not by mission funds.

7. Each synod, through its board or the classis, shall have the exclusive care and management of all such weak interests, not purely missionary in their character, within their respective territory, and shall disburse all sustentation funds.

8. All church building funds which have been raised and continue to be owned by District Synods' Boards, shall be retained and managed at the discretion of said boards. Any funds of this character obtained from District Boards by the General Board, and remaining the property of District Boards, shall be held simply as a trust or loan. Nothing, however, shall stand in the way of any district synod directing its board to transfer any church building funds to the ownership of the General Board.

9. All church building funds raised by the General Board to be held and loaned at its own discretion.

10. A German secretary or superintendent to be elected by the Gen-

eral Board as soon as his services are required, (the German district synods having the privilege of nominating candidates) for work among the Germans exclusively, whose salary shall be provided for by the General Board without regard to the source from which the funds are derived, said secretary or superintendent to be amenable in all things to the General Board.

11. Additional English secretaries or superintendents to be elected by the General Board (the English district synods having the privilege of nominating candidates) as soon as the necessities of the work demand and the funds will allow it.

12. The General Board shall render a condensed statement or report of the work to each district synod at every annual meeting; and also designate to each synod an estimate of its pro rata apportionment needed for carrying forward the Home Mission work, as also for church building funds to be held and managed by the General Board.

13. The General Board, in the establishment of new missions in the West, shall co-operate with the Home Mission department of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

14. As to the organization of new missions, and looking out new points, in our judgment this feature has been covered by an action taken by the board at a session held in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 26, 1889, to which we would refer the synods, and reads as follows:

Resolved, That the Boards of District Synods and Classes are requested to refer all matters in regard to starting new missions within their bounds to this board, and further, openings that may come under their observation as proper fields for missionary operations for our church should be reported to the General Board, which shall have final authority in the matter.

15. In all other matters missionaries shall stand in the same relation to classes and synods within whose bounds they labor as the pastors of the regular charges.

16. The Executive Committee has full authority to carry out the plans and purposes of the board. Done at Pittsburgh, Pa., July 9, A. D. 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS, *President;*
E. R. ESCHBACH, *Secretary;*
JOHN J. LEBERMAN,
JOHN M. KENDIG,
CHRISTIAN M. BOUSH,
DEWALT S. FOUSE,
JOHN H. SECHLER,
CHARLES SANTEE,
HIRAM C. HOOVER,
CHARLES F. KRIETE,
JOHN BACHMAN,
J. S. ZIMMERMAN.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, *Secretary*, Akron Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Rufus C. Zartman.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. Rev. John M. Kendig.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. William H. Shults, *Secretary*, Leavittsburg, Ohio.
Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Jacob P. Stahl. Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. James H. Steele. William H. Shults.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports with respect to the seminary were received, considered, and adopted as a whole:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

In Canton, O., October, 7, 1889, the following organization of the board was effected:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, Ohio, *President.*
Rev. Ed. Herbruck, Dayton, Ohio, *Vice President.*
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, Dayton, Ohio, *Secretary.*
Mr. Horace Ankeney, Alpha, Ohio, *Treasurer.*

The board held four meetings during the year, and we believe it has faithfully considered the interests of the seminary, and has labored diligently, not only to maintain, but to increase its usefulness. Our financial agent has not been able to give his entire time to his work, yet we are very happy to be able to make the statement that the members of the Faculty have been paid in full for their year's service, and in addition to this a decrease of five hundred dollars has been made of the board's indebtedness. When everything is considered this should be regarded a good year's work. It is known to all that our endowment is quite inadequate to meet the annual expenses, and that the deficiency must be secured by collections, and by the "Special Plan." This involves a great amount of hard and persistent work. Our help up to this time has not come in large installments. Largely the widow's mite has been our support.

Our seminary should be, as speedily as possible, lifted out of financial embarassment. Its yearly income should leave a margin in the treasury after all expenses are paid. This could be advantageously expended in increasing the library, in securing the services of lecturers on special subjects, and generally, in widening its educational work. Let the church come to the assistance of the board; let it be its beneficiary until all its needs are supplied; and then, with that cordial co-operation that exists between the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees, the results can not be other than such as will both delight and gratify the synod. Nor should such generous support be withheld. Solemn pledges have been made, that in our educational work our chief object is, the better equipment of those who enter the gospel ministry, and that, by more inviting inducements, the number entering our seminary shall be largely increased. It is barely fair to our people to emphasize the importance of any educational interest supported by the church which stops short of giving strength and efficiency to the work done in our Theological Seminary. Here is to be found the ripened fruit of all our planting. A meager support here minimizes the significance of the seminary and works injuriously against its real prosperity. A generously supported School of the Prophets, will on the other hand, be an influential factor working silently but surely for the best interests of the church.

There has been an unbroken lamentation, because so few young men are attracted to the gospel ministry. That the graduates of our colleges find their way into other professions. Does not the cause, productive of this deplorable fact, rest at least in part, in that excessive economy that characterizes the support given this department of our church activity? There may be other causes at work, but we verily believe, that if the board had at its disposal the means whereby it could place before young men better facilities so that they could more efficiently equip themselves for the work of the ministry, more would be inclined to this high calling. We would, therefore, plead for a more generous support. Mag-

nify before the whole church, the overshadowing importance of the seminary.

To this end the board suggests the propriety of establishing a Seminary Day in the Calendar of the Church. This is not to supplant Reformation Day. Let this stand with its grand historical significance. Upon this rests our right to denominational existence. Let Seminary Day be utilized for the increase of the seminary, financial strength, and to acquaint our people with its needs, and with that which it is expected to accomplish. If we do this we will establish a more cordial sympathy between the membership of our church, and this most important institution of the synod. Let its importance be universally acknowledged. Let us frankly admit that the life of our loved church depends upon the vigor and aggressive energy of our seminary.

The board also ventures to bring to the attention of the alumni, indeed to all who have received instructions in the seminary, the propriety of reorganization in the interests of their Alma Mater, and that a meeting be held each year immediately preceding the annual session of the synod.

The board also repeats the suggestion to establishing Seminary Day in behalf of its financial needs. Also that the Special Plan receive the hearty co-operation of all our pastors.

The time for which the following brethren were elected as members of this board terminates with this synod, viz: Revs. J. I. Swander, D. D., Ed. Herbruck, Ph.D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., S. B. Yockey and Elder B. Kuhns.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

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2. Report of the Financial Agent.

To the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our two years' report to you embraces about four and one-half months of services as agent among the charges, and seven and one-half months, largely the workings of the "Special Plan" of itself, from having been put in operation last year. For the reason that we were unable to give much personal attention to the work in the way of visiting charges and congregations in 1890, there is no charge for service for the work done in 1890. We append a statement showing the result of the workings of the "Plan" in dollars and cents, and have marked whether the offerings paid us are on first or second year. Although we can not tell how much more we will receive from these same congregations to complete their first or second year's offerings, yet a large proportion say their "report is not complete, having some offerings to gather yet." A few congregations adopting the "Plan" last year, have not as yet reported on second year.

The "Plan" still commends itself to us and we think should still be endorsed by synod and earnestly and heartily commended to our people.

The following table shows the result of the work for the year:

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	ASSISTANT OR PERSON FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Date received.	Amount.	Which year's offering.	How Credited. Interest on am't assumed.	Principal on am't assumed.	Immediate use.	Total for congregation.	Total for charge.	Total for classis.
MIAMI CLASSIS.											
First Church, Dayton	1st Church, Dayton	Rev. W. A. Hale	Oct. 1, 90	$56 00	2d year	...		$56 00	.		...
		H. H. Prugh, (individual)	Sept. 12,90	5 00	2d year			5 00		61 00	...
Xenia	Xenia	J. I. Wolf, Treasurer	Sept. 5, 90	35 55	1st year			35 55	$35 55	35 55	... ...
Miamisburg	Miamisburg	I. H. Reiter, Treasurer	Nov. 5, 89	11 65	1st year	...	.	11 65			
		I. H. Reiter, Treasurer	July 14, 90	16 00	2d year	.		16 00			.....
		I. H. Reiter, Treasurer	Sept. 9, 90	12 80	2d year	...		12 80	40 45	40 45	...
West Alexandria	West Alexandria										
	Lewisburg	Jno. Trissel, assistant	Sept. 23,90	8 60	2d year	...		8 60	8 60		..
	Johnsville	Rev. H. L. Hart	Oct. 1, 90	2 70	2d year	..		2 70	2 70	11·30	...
Fairfield	Fairfield	Geo. Koogler	Oct. 1, 90	24 10	1st year	...		24 10	24 10	..	... ...
	Bethel	Mrs. A. D. Freeman, (individ.)	July 24, 90	5 00	2d year			5 00	5 00		.
	Byron	Geo. Koogler	Oct. 1, 90	4 20	1st year	.		4 20	4 20	33 30	
Union	Alcony	Miss Carrie Billet	Sept. 11,90	5 50	2d year	.		5 50	5 50		....
	Jerusalem	Jacob Myers	June 18,90	6 00	1st year	..		6 00	6 00	11 50	.
Highland	Mt. Calvary	Albert Fawley, assistant	Mar. 9, 90	7 77	1st year			7 77			...
		Albert Fawley	July 1, 90	1 40	1st year	..		1 40	9 17	..	.
	Mt. Zion	Miss Nellie Charles	Mar. 9, 90	6 13	1st year	...		6 13		..	
		Miss Nellie Charles, Treasurer									
		Young People's Literary Soc	Mar. 9, 90	6 45			..	6 45			
		Miss Nellie Charles	July 17, 90	11 31	1st year	...		11 31	23 89	33 06	...
Trinity	Bloom Center	Rev. R. B. Reichard	Dec. 16, 89	2 65	1st year		..	2 65			....
		J. M. Smith, (individual)	June 17, 90	5 00	2d year			5 00	7 65		.
	Swander	Rev. R. B. Reichard	Dec. 16, 89	2 10	1st year			2 10			.
	Swander S. S	Rev. R. B. Reichard	Dec. 16, 89	50	1st year	.		50	2 60	10 35	.
Farmersville	Schleiffer's	J. H. Weaver, assistant	Feb. 21, 90	9 60	1st year			9 60	9 60		..
	Farmersville	Geo. B. Roof.	Oct. 1, 90	11 50	2d year		....	11 50	11 50	21 10	.
Tremont	Millerstown	A. J. Zirkle, assistant	Dec. 30, 89	3 75	1st year		...	3 75	3 75	3 75	...
Springboro	Springboro	Rev. B. F. Davis	Dec. 31, 89	11 00	1st year		.....	11 00			
		Rev. B. F. Davis	Jan. 27, 90	2 35	1st year		.....	2 35			.
		Rev. B. F. Davis	Sept. 23,90	10 00	2d year			10 00	23 35	23 25	.
Germantown	Salem	S. E. Snepp, assistant	Sept. 2, 90	2 73	2d year		...	2 73	2 73	2 73	
Bethel	Zion's	W. H. Fahleman, assistant	Sept. 2, 90	2 00	2d year		...	2 00	2 00		.
	Hillgrove	C. E. Dolenmier, assistant	Nov. 18,89	2 00	1st year			2 00	2 00	4 00	.

Valley	Mt. Carmel	Rev. W. H. Tussing	Dec. 30, 89	10 10	1st year			10 10	10 10		
	David's	Rev. W. H. Tussing	Dec. 30, 89	8 90	1st year			8 90	8 90	9 00	
New Madison	Beach Grove	Mrs. Amanda Fellers	Dec. 21, 89	1 35	1st year			1 35			
			Sept. 1, 90	9 75	2d year			9 75	11 10		
	Zion's	Howard Woods	Aug. 29, 90	7 35	2d year			7 35			
	Zion's Sunday-school		Aug. 29, 90	50	1st year			50	7 85	18 98	
Beaver Creek	Beaver	J. Shepherd, assistant	June 2, 90	5 25	1st year			5 25			
		A. Ankeney, assistant	May 26, 90	53 95	2d year			53 95			
			Sept. 30, 90	34 95	2d year			34 95			
	Beaver Sunday-sch'l		Sept. 30, 90	1 30	1st year			1 30	95 45		
	Hawker's	M. S. Hawker	Jan. 28, 90	1 00	2d year			1 00			
		I. L. Clark	Jan. 28, 90	1 00	2d year			1 00	2 00		
	Mt. Zion	D. Hartman, assistant	Nov. 5, 90	2 50	1st year			2 50			
			Sept. 20, 90	6 85	2d year			6 85	9 35	106 80	
Trinity, Dayton	Trinity	Dr. D. C. Lichliter, Treasurer	Sept. 5, 90	26 60	2d year			26 60	26 60	26 60	
New Pittsburgh	Boundary	Henry Heister	Dec. 16, 89	5 00	1st year			5 00	5 00	5 00	
											$467 69
LANCASTER CLASSIS.											
Basil		Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas	Sept. 13, 90	36 79	2d year			36 79		36 79	
Zion	Zion	Jacob Berger, Treasurer	Dec. 3, 89	14 00	1st year			14 00			
		Williard Vogt, (individual)	Dec. 3, 89	22 75	1st year			22 75			
		Jacob Berger, Treasurer.	Sept. 24, 90	36 25	1st year			36 25	73 00	73 00	
Stoutsville		Rev. J. A. Seitz	Aug. 22, 90	30 00	2d year			30 00	30 00	30 00	
Thornville	Thornville S. S	Irvin Yost	Apr. 13, 90	5 80	1st year			5 80			
	Thornville congre		J'ne 18, 90	1 00	2d year			1 00			
			Sept. 19, 90	28 00	2d year			28 00			
			Oct. 1, 90	2 50	2d year			2 50		67 30	
Winchester	Winchester	Peter Brown and Mrs. W. D. Beeks	Sept. 24, 90	47 65	2d year			47 65	47 65	47 65	
Glenford	Church of Cross	Rev. E. C. Rust	Oct. 5, 89	1 60	1st year			1 60			
		W. H. Parks, assistant	Dec. 8, 89	1 60	coll.			1 60			
			Dec. 8, 89	2 75	1st year			2 75			
			Aug. 19, 90	1 75	1st year			1 75	7 70		
	St. Paul's	W. V. Zartman	Dec. 13, 89	8 12	coll.			8 12			
			Aug. 19, 90	20 00	2d year			20 00	28 12		
	Zion's	Mrs. E. Helser, assistant	Dec. 15, 89	25	1st year			25			
			Aug. 28, 90	36 40	1st year			36 40	36 65	72 47	
Union	Baltimore	Mrs. E. E. Johnson, (individ.)	J'ne 18, 90	1 00	2d year			1 00	1 00	1 00	
											$298 21
TUSCARAWAS CL'SSIS.											
Tuscarawas	Myers'	Samuel Krider	Oct. 6, 89	17 00	1st year			17 00			
		Rev. J. Ihle	Aug. 8, 90	2 00	2d year			2 00	19 00		
	St. James'	Wm. McFaren	Oct. 9, 89	10 15	1st year			10 15			
		Rev. J. Ihle	Aug. 8, 90	4 83	2d year			4 83	14 98		
	Stands'	W. D. Oberlin	Feb. 17, 90	4 75	1st year			4 75			
		Rev. J. Ihle	Aug. 8, 90	7 89	2d year			7 89	12 64		

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	ASSISTANT OR PERSON FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	Date received.	Amount.	Which year's offering.	How Credited. Interest on am't assumed.	How Credited. Principal on am't assumed.	How Credited. Immediate use.	Total for congregation.	Total for charge.	Total for classis.
Tuscarawas	St. John's	Rev. J. Ihle	Aug. 8, 90	$16 78	2d year			$16 78			
		Father Steele, (individual)	Sep. 19, 90	1 00	2d year			1 00	$17 78	$64 40	
Marshallville		Rev. J. P. Stahl	Dec. 16, 89	2 50	1st year			2 50			
			Oct. 1, 90	11 50	2d year			11 50		14 00	
Shelby		Rev. Shulenberger	Dec. 4, 89	38 00	1st year	$5 90	$32 10			38 00	
Loyal Oak		Rev. J. A. Danner	Nov. 21, 89	1 00	1st year	1 00			1 00	1 00	
Reedsburg	Reedsburg	C. Moon, assistant	Sep. 15, 90	7 50	2d year	7 50			7 50		
		H. Sealer, assistant	Sep. 23, 90	4 50	2d year	2 54	1 96		4 50	12 00	
Navarre		Rev. G. A. House	Oct. 7, 89	60	1st year		60				
		E. K. Kremer, Treasurer	Sep. 18, 90	20 85	2d year		20 85				
		Rev. G. A. House	Oct. 1, 90	2 50	2d year		2 50		23 95	23 95	
Canaan		Geo. Mathes, assistant	Sep. 15, 90	8 70	2d year		8 70		8 70	8 70	
											$162 05
EASTERN OHIO CL.											
Louisville		Martin Coy	Oct. 7, 90	6 00	1st year	6 00					
		Rev. J. J. Leberman	July 20, 90	5 00	1st year	5 00					
			July 29, 90	1 00	1st year	1 00				12 00	
Columbianna	Columbiana	Aaron Esterly, assistant	Sep. 18, 90	34 60	2d year	34 60	5 90	28 70			
			Sep. 24, 90	2 00	2d year	2 00		2 00	36 60	36 60	
Springfield	Salem	Manasseh Flohr, assistant	Oct. 15, 89	3 51	coll.	3 51					
			Feb. 21, 90	8 35	1st year	8 35					
			July 2, 90	14 85	1st year	14 85			26 71		
	Springfield	Rev. N. W. Bloom	Oct. 13, 89	12 15	coll.	12 15					
			Oct. 13, 89	6 50	1st year	6 50					
		Jacob Heaver, assistant	Sep. 21, 90	5 00	1st year	5 00			23 65	50 36	
Mt. Olivet	Mt. Olivet	Y. P. Missionary Society	Oct. 19, 89	1 65	1st year	1 65					
		E. W. Sonnedecker, assistant	Oct. 25, 89	3 25	1st year	3 25					
		M. Hornickle, (individual)	Mar. 16, 90	25 00	1st year	24 18	82		29 90		
	Paradise	Rev. L. M. Kershner	Oct. 20, 89	2 37	coll.	2 37					
		Wm. Guise	Oct. 22, 89	75	1st year	75					
		Rev. L. M. Kershner	Dec. 4, 89	5 00	1st year	5 00					
		Wm. Guise	Sep. 27, 90	14 00	1st year		14 00		22 12	52 02	
Robertsville	St. Martin's	Rev. A. Gonser	Aug. 18, 90	5 77	1st year	5 77			5 77		
	Paris		Sep. 2, 90	10 31	1st year	10 31			10 31		

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

Robertsville	Robertsville	C. N. Dewalt, assistant	Sep. 13, 90	13 93	2d year	13 93			13 93	30 01		
New Lisbon	Trinity	Rev. J. J. M. Gruber	Oct. 1, 90	8 00	2d year							
	St. Jacob's		Oct. 1, 90	7 00	2d year	5 55	9 45			15 00		
												$195 99
TIFFIN CLASSIS.												
Fremont	Fremont	Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D	J'ne 17, 90	12 60	2d year		12 60		12 60	12 60		
First Church, Tiffin	First Church, Tiffin	J. D. Neff, Treasurer Classis	Aug. 12, 90	20 00	2d year		20 00					
		Mrs. Van Horne	Sep. 18, 90	1 25	2d year		1 25		21 25	21 25		
Fostoria	Olive	Rev. J. D. Neff	Sep. 8, 90	2 65	1st year				2 65			
	Fostoria		Sep. 8, 90	14 25	1st year	6 15	10 75					
			Sep. 24, 90	6 50	1st year			6 50	20 75	23 40		
Bloomville	Bloomville	H. Scheerer, assissant	July 23, 90	13 50	2d year	2 88	10 62					
			Aug. 14, 90	1 00	2d year		1 00		14 50	14 50		
Ada Mission	Ada	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer	J'ne 18, 90	5 00			5 00		5 00	5 00		
Bellevue	Bellevue	Geo. W. Freidly, assistant	Mar. 7, 90	12 50	1st year		12 50			12 50		
Helena	Hessville S. S	Miss Mary Whitney	J'ne 18, 90	50	1st year					50		
												$89 75
ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.												
White Pigeon		Rev. H. S. Bailey	Oct. 1, 90	3 95	2d year			3 95		3 95		
												$3 95

Received from Sundry Individuals during the year.—For Immediate Use.

From Rev. J. Ihle, 2d year	$10 00	
" " N. W. Bloom, 1st year	2 00	
" Otis Barnett, 1st year	3 00	
" " C. W. Good, 2d year	10 00	
" " G. W. Williard, 1st year	3 00	
" " D. R. Taylor, 1st and 2d year	2 00	
" Elder A. J. Seibert, Martinsburg, Va	1 00	
" Miss C. B. Olwine, 1st year	1 00	
" Miss M. E. Olwine, 1st year	1 00	
" Rev. J. J. Leberman, 2d year	5 10	
" Christian Foucht, 2d year	3 00	
" Sarah Orewiler, 2d year	20 00	
" Rev. C. E. Miller, 2d year	5 00	
" " G. A. Snyder, 2d year	5 00	
" " E. Spangler, 2d year	5 00	
" " J. A. Keller, 2d year	10 00	
" " A. Casselman, 2d year	2 00	
" Miss Mary Whitney, 1st year	1 00	
" Rev. E. Herbruck, 2d year	10 00	
" Zetus L. Numbers, 2d year.	1 00	
" Rev. F. M. Shults, 2d year	3 00	
" " F. M. Shults, extra	2 00	
" " S. P. Mauger, 2d year	3 00	
" Horace Ankeney, donation of services as clerk at special meeting of Miami Classis, (J. T. Hale trial)	10 00	
" A. H. Baughman, 2d year	5 00	
		$123 [illegible]

For Endowment.

From Rev. J. Ihle, 3d year	$10 00	
From Rev. J. Ihle, 4th year	10 00	
		20 [illegible]
		$143 [illegible]
Total receipts by "Special Plan"		$1,361 [illegible]

Receipts on 1st year by "Plan"	$64 [illegible]
Receipts on 2d year by "Plan"	76 [illegible]

Summary of Receipts.

Balance at last report	50	
From Miami Classis	$467 69	
" Lancaster Classis	298 21	
" Tuscarawas Classis	162 05	
" Eastern Ohio Classis	195 99	
" Tiffin Classis	89 75	
" St. Joseph Classis	3 95	
" sundry individuals	143 10	
		$1,361 [illegible]

Paid out as follows:

To Treasurer of Seminary for endowment	$204 10	
To Treasurer of Seminary for immediate use	887 38	

For Expenses of Agent:

Express on envelopes, stationery, stamps, &c.	$ 9 60		
Printing, &c., and for envelopes and cards	31 00		
Balance on salary last year	200 00		
Railroad expenses, meals, &c	29 16	$269 76	
			$1,361 24

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE ANKENEY, *Financial Agent.*

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3. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1889. IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT. DR.

RECEIPTS.

Oct.	7.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	$ 17 45
"	10.	" " " " "	15 90
"	11.	Smith & Hendershot, one-half year's interest on loan	21 63
Nov.	5.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	11 65
Dec.	17.	" " " " "	40 00
"	17.	N. M. Gilt, one year's interest on loan	48 80
"	17.	Isaac Lehman per Rev. J. P. Stahl to redeem old note	5 00
"	20.	Prof. Herman Rust, D. D., one year's interest on loan	80 00
"	25.	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D D., Tr. Miami Cl. on app. of '88, Millerstown cong. of Tremont charge	7 70
1890.			
Jan.	14.	Rev. I. H Reiter, D. D., Tr. Miami Classis, from Cæsar Creek chg	2 37
"	15.	Wm. H. Siegfried, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	15.	A. Albright and Dan'l Frantz, interest on notes to June 1889 and overlooked in last report	12 00
"	19.	J. E Munger, Tr. Beaver cong. Beaver Creek chg. Ref. Day coll	5 97
"	20.	Dr. J. E. Lowes, one year's interest on loan	140 00
"	25.	Jno. Strock, one year's interest on note to Nov. 1889	3 00
"	27.	Rev. A. Casselman, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	28.	Mrs. M. S. Hawker, Ref. Day coll. Hawker cong. Beaver Cr. chg.	1 36
"	28.	Horace Ankeney, one year's int. on J. H. Good professorship note	3 00
"	29.	Rev. Wm. H. Shults, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	1 50
"	29.	" " " " Ref. Day coll. Lordstown, Southington and Newton, congregations	5 00
Feb.	2.	Rev. J. R. Skinner, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	1 50
"	5.	Rev. E. D. Miller, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	6 00
"	7.	Rev. F. W. Stump, five year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	7 50
"	8.	Martha Cretors, one-half year's interest on loan	35 00
"	8.	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Cl. from Cæsar Creek chg.	4 22
"	8.	Thos. Cavanaugh balance on one year's interest on loan	50 50
"	24.	Bloomville chg. per D. Van Horne coll. for Immediate Use	5 41
		Amount carried forward	$ 538 46

		Amount brought forward	$ 538 46
"	24.	Mt. Zion cong. Beaver Creek charge per J. H. Steele coll. for Immediate Use in lieu of Ref. Day coll	2 69
Mch.	7.	Rev. J. B. Henry, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	12.	Rev. R. R. Lackey, part interest on note	1 00
"	12.	Thornville charge per Rev. S. W. Seeman, Ref. Day coll	9 30
"	14.	Josephine Regan, interest in full on loan	3 75
"	17.	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis Int. on amount assumed	2 28
"	28.	Bernard Mathes, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	6 00
"	29.	Abner Wilson, interest on loan in full to date	1,043 60
Apr.	2.	Susannah Smith, one-half year's interest on loan	20 63
"	2.	Rev. S. Z. Beam and wife, one year's int. on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	2.	Xenia S. S. per J. D. Heller, Treas. donation for Immediate Use	10 00
"	9.	Rev. D. M. Christman, interest on first installment on note	12
"	14.	Rev. R. R Lackey, part interest on note	1 00
"	16.	Jacob Gephart, per Rev. I. H Reiter, D.D., one year's int. on note	1 50
"	19.	Detrick Glander, one year's interest on note (less 25c Bank Ex.)	29 75
"	25.	R. B. Crotzer, per Rev. S. A. Alt, interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	25.	V. W. Ault, interest on first installment on note	40
"	28.	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. O. Classis, int. on amount assumed	12 42
May	1.	Gray & Waggoner, Atty's, int. on J. B. Myers note less ex. of coll	18 55
"	3.	" " " int. on D W. Horner note less change	2 00
"	6.	E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tuscarawas Classis int. on am't assumed	48 57
"	15.	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis int. on amount assumed	6 20
"	20.	Jacob Surbeck, interest on note	3 60
June	10.	Aug. Ruch, one year's interest on loan	24 50
"	18.	Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, one year's int. Grace ch. Zwingli Mem. note	1 50
"	25.	Chas. Santee gift for Immed. Use (subscribed to D. Van Horne)	50 00
"	30.	Alfred Shirer, one year's interest on loan	40 00
"	30.	" " one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
July	2.	Rev. N. W. Bloom, int. on Zwingli note, Daniel Moon deceased	8 70
"	19.	Jno. L. Dohner, one year's interest on loan	112 00
"	19.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	85 37
"	29.	Martha Cretors, interest in full on loan	32 10
Aug.	9.	Rev. Jno. H. Hartman, interest on Zwingli Mem. note to date	2 65
"	12.	Rev. T. L. Prugh, two years' interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	13.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	59 63
"	15.	Horace Ankeney, first pay. int. on installment supscription given D. Van Horne, D. D	30 00
"	16.	B Kuhns, one year's interest on note	6 00
"	16.	Mrs. Cora B. Newby, one year's interest on loan	66 00
"	16.	Thos. Cavanaugh, one-half year's on loan	10 50
"	20.	Aug. Ruch, interest in full to date on loan	6 13
"	23.	Jos. D. Bausman, one year's interest on loan	24 00
"	29.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	124 92
Sept.	1.	Daniel Frantz, per Rev. Wetzel, one year's interest on note	3 00
"	8.	Belle Clark, part interest on loan	24 00
"	8.	Uriah Weaver, one year's interest on loan	70 00
"	10.	Horace Ankeney, Treas. Miami Classis, S. S. Association	11 76
"	10.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	110 79
"	15.	Geo. P. Early, one year's interest on first mortgage loan	140 00
"	16.	Levi Kiester, one year's interest on note	1 50
"	25.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	100 00
"	29.	Belle Clark, balance one year's interest on loan	15 00
"	30.	Horace Ankeney, Treas. Miami Classis S. S. Association	4 00
Oct.	1.	Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	318 67
"	1.	H. Rust, balance in full interest on loan to Sept. 30, 1890	61 55
		Total receipts	$ 3,327 14

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

From interest on Mortgage Loans	$2,103 49	
From interest on gift notes for endowment	117 02	
From interest on amount assumed by classes	69 47	
From other apportionments	7 70	
From collections for immediate use	22 00	
From Reformation Day collections	24 32	
From Seminary Agent on account "Special Plan"	887 38	
From individual subscriptions gotten by Dr. Van Horne	80 00	
From Treas. Miami Cl. Association, surplus voted to the Sem.	15 76	$ 8,327 14

IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

1889.			CR.
Oct.	3.	By amount overpaid to balance account	$ 235 53
"	5.	Prof. Herman Rust D. D., per Rev. C. Rust, on account salary	1 60
"	7.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	11 08
"	7.	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	6 37
"	10.	Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year's interest on note to Oct. 16, 1889	15 90
Nov.	1.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	21 63
Nov.	5.	H. H. Prugh, Atty., part payment on acc't trip to Memphis on Wilson case	11 65
Dec.	17.	H. H. Prugh, Att'y., part payment on acc't trip to Memphis on Wilson case	25 00
"	20.	C. Horning share of printing last years' college catalogues	15 00
"	20.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	53 80
"	20.	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	80 00
"	31.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	7 70
1890.			
Jan.	20.	Good Bros., one-half doz. Hymnals for Theo. Sem. prayer meetings	4 25
"	20.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	143 12
Feb.	7.	H. H. Prugh, Att'y., bal. on expense of trip to Memphis taking deposition in Wilson case	13 85
"	14.	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	61 22
"	15.	Recorder Montgomery Co., per H. H. Prugh recording Mary E. Davis mortgage	1 00
"	15.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	49 55
"	19.	Albert Mathews, per Prugh rebate on interest unearned	5 00
"	24.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	5 41
Mch.	18.	Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Treas. Heidelberg College, one year's interest on money borrowed to pay Mrs. Susan H. Good	21 00
"	29.	Miss Etta Greiner, stenographer, Wilson case	14 00
Apr.	1.	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	200 00
"	1.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	200 00
"	19.	Mrs. Susan H. Good, one-half year's int. on note to Apr. 16, 1890	15 90
"	19.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	50 00
May	8.	" " " " " "	48 57
"	12.	" " " " " "	115 00
"	12.	Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on account salary	200 00
"	14.	Interest on "Swander fund account"	8 73
"	16.	Prof. H. B. Adams, music at Seminary Commencement	6 00
"	19.	Rev. J. H. Steele, one year's interest on note (money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good)	7 00
June	10.	Margaret Ankeney, one year's interest on note (money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good)	35 00
		Amount carried forward	$ 1,689 36

		Amount brought forward		$ 1,689 36
"	10.	H. H. Prugh, Att'y., recording seven mortgages	$ 7 00	
		" " " expenses paid Nevin, Kumler, and Van Skaik in Wilson case	15 00	
		H. H. Prugh, Att'y., money paid Warren Munger Att'y., on account fees Wilson case	10 00	
		H. H. Prugh, Att'y., money advanced as security for costs in Levi House foreclosure	10 00	$ 42 00
"	19.	Joseph Kramer, lumber used in putting up model of Jerusalem, in Dr. Van Horne's room		80
"	19.	Rev. E. R. Williard, ch'rm. share printing University catalogues		15 00
"	19.	Warren Munger, Att'y., per Prugh, on acc't fees in Wilson case		100 00
July	22.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		150 00
"	30.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary		122 00
Aug.	15.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		105 00
"	15.	H. H. Prugh, transfer of Holden notes		75
"	16.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., on account salary		82 18
"	29.	" " " " " "		75 00
"	29.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		80 00
Sept.	10.	" " " " "		94 00
"	10.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D		114 25
"	10.	Prof. H. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., bal. in full on one year's salary		11 30
"	15.	Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., bal. in full on one year's salary		76 28
"	17.	Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., bal. on one year's salary and part payment on debt		13 18
"	25.	Rev. H. Rust, on debt		100 00
"	30.	Expense of Treas. during year, looking after property on which loans made. Stationery, stamps, etc		7 50
"	30.	Marg't Ankeney paym't on note, money bor. to pay Mrs. J. H. Good		155 00
Oct.	1.	H. Rust, D. D., on debt (back salary)		105 84
"	1.	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Treas. Heid. University int. on note to date		7 70
"	1.	" " " " " pay't on note to date		180 00
				$ 3,327 14

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

For salaries	$ 2,178 24
For interest on money borrowed to pay Mrs. Good	111 23
For recording mortgages	8 00
For expenses Wilson suit	189 00
For share printing catalogues 1889-1890	30 00
For Hymnals for prayer meeting, Theological Seminary	4 25
For music Commencement	6 00
For sundries including stationery, postage and all other expenses of Treas.	24 05
For debt due H. Rust and Mrs. J. H. Good	540 84
For balancing amount overpaid last report	235 53
	$ 3,327 14

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1889.			DR.
Oct.	8.	To balance on hand uninvested	$ 828 54
Nov.	26.	S. S. & J. C. Winings, exr's. of Sarah Winings, deceas'd, bequest	100 00
Dec.	17.	N. M. Gill, principal in full of first mortgage loan	610 00
		Amount carried forward	$ 1,038 54

	Amount brought forward		$ 1,038 54
1890.			
Jan. 20.	Rev. I. S. Hahn, Tr. E. O. Cl. part prin. on am't ass'd by Lous. chg		7 00
" 20.	W. L. Darrow, payment on loan		200 00
" 24.	" " " "		200 00
" 31.	Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., gift towards J. H. Good professorship		50 00
" 31.	H. Ankeney, payment on note for J. H. Good professorship		5 00
Feb. 8.	Thos. Cavanaugh, payment on first mortgage loan		600 00
Mch. 14.	Josephine Regan, first mortgage note in full		70 00
" 17.	Rev. J. D. Neff, Tr. Tiffin Classis, principal on amount assumed		4 63
" 27.	Sem. Agt. on acc't "Special Plan", Shelby charge	$32 10	
	" " " " Bellevue charge	12 50	
	" " " " Mt. Olivet charge	82	
	" " " " Rev. J. Ihle, Individ. pledge	10 00	
			55 42
" 27.	Mrs. Mary E. Steiner, payment on installment note		5 00
" 29.	Abner Wilson, first mortgage note in full		5,000 00
Apr. 9.	Rev. D. M. Christman first installment on note		2 00
" 12.	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Tr. Miami Cl. on princip. Miami Cl. note from Miamisburg charge		7 83
" 9.	Susanna Smith, first mortgage note in full		550 00
" 25.	V. W. Ault, first installment on note		5 00
May 1.	Jacob Gephart, per I. H. Reiter, D. D., endowm't note in full		25 00
" 1.	Gray & Waggoner, Att'ys., J. B. Myers note in full		25 00
" 15.	Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Cl. princip. on amount assumed		7 08
July 2.	Rev. N. W. Bloom, prin. of Sam'l Moon, deceased, Zwingli Mem. note in full		25 00
" 19.	Jno. L. Dohner, part princip. on first mortgage loan		600 00
" 19.	Sem. Agt. on acc't "Special Plan," Fremont charge	12 60	
	" " " " Ada charge	5 00	
			17 60
" 29.	Mrs. Martha Cretors, first mortgage loan in full		1,000 00
Aug. 9.	Rev. J. H. Hartman, paym't on Zwingli Mem. note		17 35
" 13.	Sem. Agt. on account "Special Plan"		51 37
" 21.	Aug. Ruch, first mortgage loan in full		350 00
" 29.	Sem. Agt. on account "Special Plan"		1 00
Sep. 25.	Rev. H. Rust, part payment on loan		500 00
" 25.	Sem. Agt. on acc't "Special Plan" from Columbiana	30 70	
	" " " " " Navarre	20 85	
			51 55
" 30.	Rev. H. Rust, paym't princip. in full on loan		500 00
Oct. 1.	Sem. Agt. on account "Special Plan"		27 16
			$10,998 53

SUMMARY ENDOWMENT RECEIPTS.

Balance	$ 328 54	
From loans paid	10,180 00	
From gift notes	109 35	
From apportionments	7 83	
From classical Treasurers, interest on amount assumed	18 71	
From bequest	100 00	
From gift	50 00	
From Sem. Agt. "Special Plan"	204 10	
		$10,998 53

1889.	ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.		CR.
Dec. 6.	First mortgage loan to Albert Mathews, @ 8 per cent		500 00
" 6.	" " " " " "		500 00
1890.			
Feb. 1.	Loan to D. Van Horne, D. D., @ 8 per cent		600 00
" 8.	First mortgage loan to H. H. Prugh, @ 7 per cent		500 00
Apr. 5.	" " " Jacob A. Smith, @ 7 per cent		1,900 00
" 10.	" " " Jacob Hendershot, @ 7 per cent		950 00
" 18.	" " " Caroline Gutenstein, @ 7 per cent		500 00
" 29.	" " " Sallie Bates, @ 7 per cent		2,200 00
June 16.	G. G. Prugh, first mortgage loan J. J. Beck, @ 8 per cent		100 00
July 21.	First mortgage loan to Martha A. Blakley, @ per cent		400 00
Aug. 15.	First mortgage notes bought of Annie T. Holden.		
	Three notes of Gilbert Davis	292 50	
	Three notes of Jno. H. Francisco	217 50	
	Three notes of Maud B. Francisco	221 25	
		731 25	
	Face value		718 57
" 16.	Loan to M. Loucks, first mortgage collateral		700 00
" 23.	First mortgage loan to David E. Duenbaugh, @ 8 per cent		200 00
Sep. 23.	First mortgage loan to Hoglen, @ 7 per cent		550 00
" 30.	Balance on hand		679 96
			$10,998 53

1889.	REV. J. I. SWANDER, D. D., FUND ACCOUNT.	DR.
Oct. 3.	To balance on hand	$ 235 53
1890.		
May 14.	Interest on $235.53, 7½ months	8 73
		$ 244 26

1890	SWANDER FUND ACCOUNT.	CR.
Apr. 1.	Paid Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D	$ 50 00
" 19.	" " " "	70 00
May 14.	" " " "	124 26
		$ 244 26

Salaries of Professors—Statement of Accounts.

	PROF. HERMAN RUST, D. D., ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 3, '89.	Balance due on salary this date	$1,306 37	
Oct. 1, '90.	Due on salary one year to date	950 00	
	By cash paid on salary for the year		950 00
	" " on back salary during the year		211 64
	By balance due this date		1,094 73
		$2,256 37	$2,256 37

	PROF. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D., ACCOUNT.		
Oct. 3, '89.	Balance due on salary this date	$ 11 08	
Oct. 1, '90.	Due on salary one year to date	1,200 00	
Oct. 1, '90.	By cash on salary during the year to date		1,211 08
		$1,211 08	$1,211 08

PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH.D., ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '90.	To amount due on salary one year to date	$ 255 56	
Oct. 1, '90.	By cash paid on salary to date		255 56
		$ 255 56	$ 255 56

Bills Payable.

Balance on note to Held. University with int. paid to Oct. 1, 1890	$ 120 00
Balance on principal note to Margaret Ankeney	845 00
Balance on interest due to date	12 27
Note to Rev. J. H. Steele	100 00
Interest due to date	2 38
Note to Mrs. Susan H. Good	530 00
Interest due to date	15 45

Respectfully submitted,
HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.*

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4. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Hitherto this board was known by the name of the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod. The new constitution for the government of our Theological Seminary, adopted at the last annual meeting of the synod, provides for a separate and distinct board, to be called the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, in whom is vested the general supervision of said seminary, and who shall examine into the whole course of its instruction and study; superintend by itself, or by a committee, the annual examinations of the students, etc, etc.

This board was elected at the last meeting of the synod, and organized for its legitimate work on the 7th of October, 1889, in Canton, Ohio, in accordance with Section X, of Article II, of the aforesaid new constitution, by the election of Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, President; Rev. Dr. L. H. Kefauver, Secretary; and an Executive Committee, consisting of Revs. H. Rust, D. D., D. Van Horne, D. D., Profs. R. Good, A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., and L. H. Kefauver, D. D. One meeting of the board was held since its organization and a number of meetings of the executive committee. From the annual report of the president of the seminary and observations made by the members of the board, we have the following items of interest to communicate to your reverend body for prayerful consideration.

The health of both the professors and students has been well preserved. Judging from the examinations of the students we feel justified in saying that the professors have been faithful to duty in their high calling. In addition to the examinations we have the testimony of the professors that the students in the main, have been studious and attentive. Besides the weekly chapel services for the students of the university,

Tuesday evenings were set apart for devotional exercises for the special benefit of the theological students. It is believed that these services proved edifying to all who took part in them.

The three years' course of study, called for by the new constitution, of necessity is not yet fully inaugurated, says the president to the board. As you well remember, three members of the executive committee of board were appointed by the synod at Canton, one year ago to formulate action in regard to the time when the three years' rule should go into effect. At their recommendation your reverend body passed the following:

Resolved, that the full course of three years' study be so far modified that the present senior class be not required to remain the third year.

Inasmuch as the class now pursuing their second year's study had begun their course, with the expectation of remaining only two years, when the synod was in session at Canton, and also in view of special circumstances in the case of several members, it is thought best that the privilege given to the last class be extended to this class also.

The seminary received from Elder H. Ankeney a donation of a set of Bible maps of large size for use in the recitation room. Also from the same friend a number of Oxford Bibles for the benefit of the students; beside the gift of enough linoleum to cover the floors of the ante-room and one recitation room; mainly from Elder Ankeney and family, Miss Roney of Dayton, and Mrs. Rev. Reuben Good. For these needed improvements the thanks of the Faculty and the Board of Visitors are hereby expressed. A few volumes have been added to the library during the year, mainly from ministerial families. The work in the seminary could be greatly facilitated if some of the late standard works on theology could still be added to the library. And that this may be accomplished it would be a good idea to have a special fund for this purpose, to which contributions, either in money, or books could be made.

Messrs. Henry S. Bailey, Frederick Emmer, Noah A. Ernst, Benj. H. Roth and Joseph C. Smith, having stood approved examinations in the various branches taught in the seminary, were regularly dismissed, and graduated from that institution on the 14th of May last. Each one is now filling a pastoral charge in the Reformed Church. The additions to the seminary during the last year are Messrs C. L. Alspach, Albert C. Schoepp, Otto C. Renter, Wm. C. Richter, Charles F. Dewitz, Albert C. Derr, and Harvey L. Weltmer. These, with others whose names were enrolled last year, make the number of students thirteen.

Owing to the ambiquity of expression in the new constitution of the seminary adopted last year, the following action was taken by the board, viz:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod be requested to give a deliverance, explaining whether Section 24 of Article IV of the Constitution is to be

so construed as to require the election of a president in the seminary each year, by the Board of Visitors.

Resolved, That we request the synod to amend Section 15, Chapter 8, so as to read, "The Seminary year, divided into two terms, shall commence on," &c.

Upon the whole, it affords us pleasure to state to the synod that our seminary is well equipped for work, and now affords a good opportunity to the young men of the church, desiring to prepare for the gospel ministry, to carry out their wishes. The term of office for which Revs. S. C. Goss, John I. Swander, G. H. Leonard, and M. Loucks, expires at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary*.

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5. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education was reorganized on the 7th of October, 1889, at Canton, Ohio, during the sessions of the Ohio Synod, by the election of Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., President; Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., Prof. C. O. Knepper and Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., an Executive Committee. Prof. Knepper declining his election, the vacancy was filled by the Executive Committee by appointing Rev. Prof. R. Good in his place. Rev. L. H. Kefauver was continued as Secretary and Treasurer.

The board held its annual meeting on the 14th of May last for the transaction of business. Frequent meetings of the Executive Committee were held also, during the year. Five of the Beneficiary students, having graduated in the seminary, not needing further aid from the board, their names were dropped from its roll. The number receiving support during the year was twenty-five, three of which did not ask for the full appropriation. A larger number of new applications were made this year than the board could see its way clear to meet, owing to the fact that the apportioments for Beneficiary Education are not fully raised. The five young men, who had to be turned away, may be compelled to abandon their intention to prepare for the ministry, and the church be deprived of their services in that holy office. This would be sad indeed. The names of those added to the list are Albert C. Schoepp, W. C. Richter, and Otto C. Renter, graduates of Calvin College at Cleveland, and at present students in our Theological Seminary. Besides Chauncy W. Switzer, Cornelius Hauge and Calvin Foster, were received under the fostering care of the board.

The Beneficiary students are distributed among the various classes as follows:

Miami Classis.—J. A. Patterson, D. F. Boomershine, and C. W. Switzer.

Lancaster Classis.—Parley E. Zartman, John W. Miller, Calvin Foster.

Tuscarawas Classis.—C. E. Stoner, Otis Harter, H. J. Christman, Cornelius Hauge.

Tiffin Classis.—C. L. Alspach, Ellsworth Kunkle, Calvin A. Mueller, Albert C. Derr and Morgan A. Peters.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—S. V. Rohrbaugh, J. V. McMillan, A. Frank Henning.

St. Joseph Classis.—Thomas H. Medd, Willis A. Souder.

Cincinnati Classis.—J. W. Belser.

Erie Classis.—J. D. Buehrer, Albert C. Schoepp and Otto C. Renter.

Heidelberg Classis.—Wm. C. Richter.

Of the above named, eight are in the Theological Seminary, eight in the senior class in the college, two in the junior class, four in the sophomore class, and three in the freshman class. We need not speak here of the standing in scholarship and deportment of beneficiaries who were on the board previous to the present year, as the various classes under whose care they have been placed have been informed concerning this by the secretary of the board. The new ones have come highly recommended by classes and pastors, who already give signs of encouragement.

The cause of Beneficiary Education should receive special consideration in view of the fact that there are so few who prepare for the ministry that have the means to do so.

The term of office of Revs. S. C. Goss, John I. Swander, Geo. H. Leonard and Michael Loucks terminates at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

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6. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

Cash on hand October 3, 1889		$346 92
RECEIVED ON APPORTIONMENTS.		
From Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer	$310 32	
From Tuscarawas Classis, Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer	400 00	
From Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer	164 11	
From Tiffin Classis, Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer	145 19	
From Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer	166 04	
From St. Joseph Classis, Benj. Ashbaugh, Esq., Treasurer	100 00	
		$1,285 66
Amount carried forward		$1,632 58

Amount brought forward		$1,632 58

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

From W. A. Bodell, refunded	$100 00	
From Rev. D. N. Frantz, refunded	125 00	
From Lefler bequest, interest	250 00	
From Hivling bequest, interest	88 50	
From Brinker bequest, interest	56 00	
From Carson bequest, Rev. G. W. Williard	80 00	
From C. E. Ewing, interest	6 00	$705 50
		$2,338 08

CR.

Paid Beneficiary students	$2,238 00	
Paid for postage	1 89	
Paid interest on $385 borrowed	30 80	$2,270 69
In Treasury October 1, 1890		67 39
		$2,338 08

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Bequest of Sarah Brinker	$ 800 00	
Bequest of S. A. Hivling	1,000 00	
B quest of J. G. Lefler	3,500 00	
Received interest on Brinker bequest	56 00	
Received interest on Hivling bequest	88 50	
Received interest on Lefler bequest	258 00	$5,702 50

CR.

Note of Rev. M. Mueller	$ 800 00	
Note of C. C. Park	3,000 00	
Note of H. T. Heller	600 00	
Cert. R. R. Stock, 20 shares	1,000 00	
Paid interest to contingent fund	394 50	
Paid interest to Treasurer on loan	8 00	
		$5,802 50
Due Treasurer		$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and considered *seriatim*, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary presents the following report:

To your committee were referred, the report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, report of the Board of Education, the report of the Board of Visitors of

the Theological Seminary, and report of the Financial Agent, as material for the formulation of our report.

We have examined these reports. It is a matter of gratification, and gratitude to Almighty God, that we can state that our school of the prophets is in a very encouraging condition. The professors are faithful in the discharge of the grave responsibilities imposed upon them as instructors. If the number of students is not as large as is desirable the work of the professors is conscientiously performed.

The young men enjoy better advantages now than ever before in the prosecution of their studies. They are earnest and devout students, and a credit to this school of the church.

The agent for the financial relief and the endowment of the seminary has made progress in his arduous undertaking. He is doing all he can to place this part of our educational work speedily in a position to relieve us from financial care and solicitude in this direction. He deserves our warmest sympathy and zealous co-operation.

The Board of Education is also carrying forward its work most commendably, and should be more liberally sustained by us in order to be able to aid more young men in their preparation for the preaching of the Gospel. Your committee would recommend the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the reports above mentioned be adopted and the requests and suggestions commended to our people.

Resolved, That synod requests its ministers to utilize Seminary Day in making special collections for the increase of the endowment and financial relief of the seminary.

Resolved, That the attention of the Alumni of the seminary is called to consider the propriety of forming an association to meet annually before the meeting of synod to consider the wants of the seminary.

Resolved, That we reiterate our confidence in the special plan adopted for the endowment of the seminary and hereby express our satisfaction with the management of our agent, Horace Ankeney.

Resolved, That the fixed sum of $2,000 be apportioned for the use of the Board of Education.

Resolved, That the attention of the classes be called to the fact that only about two-thirds of the annual apportionment for the aid of young men preparing for the ministry is collected, and we hereby request each classis to adopt such measures as will tend to increase the sum total for educational purposes.

The term of the following members of the board expires at this synod: Revs. J. J. Leberman, D. D., E. Herbruck, Ph. D., J. I. Swander, D. D., S. B. Yockey, and Elder B. Kuhns.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman.*

DESIGNATION OF "SEMINARY DAY."

The following action respecting said day was, on motion, adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the second Sabbath of June be designated as "Seminary Day," and that pastors can choose either the Sabbath before or after this date in case more than one Sabbath be needed to properly observe Seminary Day in their respective charges.

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Vice President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Mr. Andrew H. Baughman,
Rev. John M. Kendig, Mr. Gideon G. Prugh,
Mr. Albert Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Mr. J. D. Steele,
Rev. Michael Loucks, Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.,
Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Rev. Reuben Keller,
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Executive Committee: Revs. Dr. H. Rust, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. A. S. Zerbe, R. Good, and Dr. L. H. Kefauver.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D.
Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Rev. Isaac A. Sites,
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Prof. Charles O. Knepper.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. George H. Leonard, Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rev. George H. Souder.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports having reference to the university and its operations were received, considered and adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

I. Report of the Board of Regents.

To the Ohio Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN.—In accordance with the request of the last Ohio Synod, as reported in item 3 by the Standing Committee on the Minutes of said synod, I, as President of the Board of Regents, here submit the annual report to your reverend body of the condition and working of Heidelberg University, and the transactions of the Board during the last synodical year; and in this I shall aim to give a condensed statement of facts rather than an elaborate report.

The Board at its annual meeting in Tiffin last June, organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President, Rev. Harrison H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Secretary, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Vice President, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Acting Treasurer.

Heidelberg University, founded in 1850 under the immediate direction of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, and incorporated February 13, 1851, according to the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Ohio, was established for the purpose of affording the advantages and facilities for obtaining a thorough education in the liberal arts and sciences, upon the basis of Evangelical Christianity. The end aimed at by the institution is to educate the whole man, and its true ideal is the Christian scholar. And while the institution, in its organization, government and operations, is under the auspices of the Reformed Church, it is neither sectarian nor exclusive, but its aim and endeavor are to afford a favorable sphere for the development and culture of the mind and the affections of man, with vital tendencies toward symmetrical and perfect manhood, and a high and noble destiny!

It must be borne in mind that we live in an intellectual and aggressive age, and that knowledge is widely diffused. Great progress has

been made in perfecting, not only the public school system of our country, but also the higher system of Christian education committed to the colleges and universities. This fact is seen and recognized everywhere. A sound and thorough Christian education is generally regarded as of paramount importance, and as the best antidote to ignorance and consequent crime; and also as the best guarranty of the future welfare and perpetuity of the American Republic, and the strong co-operative helper in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness.

In view of all this, we should feel solemnly impressed that Heidelberg University is an important factor in the sphere of higher or Christian education, and deserves to be liberally sustained by the church, and to be made even more effective and useful in the future than in the past in the intellectual and moral training of the youth. It has already sent forth many, who were well equipped for positions of honor and usefulness, and their efforts, counsel and influence are being felt and recognized in the different professions and vocations of life.

The educational work of the institution during the past collegiate year has been very commendable and was attended with excellent results. The enrollment of new students in September, 1889, was eighty, and the attendance then in all the branches 230, which was a very favorable showing. While these facts are of a gratifying character, it is even more encouraging to be able to report at this time that the attendance of students at the opening of the fall term in September, 1890, is the largest in the history of the institution, including about 130 new students, and making the total attendance about 300. In these facts we may discover evidence of continued prosperity and general satisfaction.

It may be added here, that the registeries in the several departments in their details are about as follows:

DEPARTMENTS.	NEW STUDENTS.	OLD STUDENTS.	AGGREGATE.
Literary	22	104	126
Academy	60	31	91
Business	20	10	30
Art School	7	5	12
Conservatory of Music	7	15	22
Theological Seminary	7	5	12
Post Graduates	7	..	7
	130	170	300

In the aggregate of 126 students in the Literary Department, there are 30 Seniors, 29 Juniors, 29 Sophomores and 38 Freshmen.

In the Polytechnic Department the new classes are not yet formed in this (fall) term, except as continued through the summer vacation, and still progressing in the work with success.

And while the large number of students in attendance is gratifying, their general conduct, studiousness and progress are very commendable.

This indicates that the discipline enforced is good, and that the students are advancing in intellectual and moral achievements, and becoming fitted for the responsibilities and duties of life. It also recommends the institution to young gentlemen and ladies, who desire to obtain a thorough and complete education, under the direction of competent and efficient instructors, as well as of hallowed Christian influence.

In consequence of the resignation of the President of the college (now literary department), the classes heretofore under his tuition are for the time being distributed among the other professors of the institution. Dr. Zerbe has charge of the seniors in Moral Philosophy, Professor Knepper in Philosophy of History and Professor Hornung in Political Economy. This arrangement meets the hearty approval of the classes, and the work is progressing satisfactorily.

The favor of Divine Providence has smiled upon the institution in the general preservation of the lives and health of the instructors and students, and with very little exception no serious illness has interfered with the work in hand during the year. For these and other blessings, we owe expressions of gratitude to "the Giver of every good and perfect gift."

During the last synodical year some changes and modifications have taken place in the institution, to which reference is here made as current facts. Among these, it may be stated that Professor Reuben Good, the last of the original professors of the institution, after rendering faithful and self-denying service for forty years, resigned his position as "Professor of Natural Sciences" because of infirmity of age. But as a mark of honor and esteem, and in view of his fidelity and usefulness in the institution, the Board of Regents elected him as *Emeritus* Professor of Natural Sciences.

Then some reconstruction or division was made in the Department of Natural Sciences, and Professor E. J. Shives was elected as Professor of Chemistry and Physics, and Professor M. E. Kleckner as Professor of Geology and Biology. Thus the department of science can be managed to better advantage and with enlarged results, as heretofore there was too much work for one professor.

As is already known, the name of Heidelberg College was legally changed to that of Heidelberg University. To this end, the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College met in special session at Tiffin on the 10th of September, 1889, and adopted the necessary preliminary measures. It however was subsequently discovered that there were some defects in a legal point of view in this preliminary action, and that a supplemental act to section 3,762 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio, relating to colleges and institutions of learning, was necessary. Hence, having meanwhile secured such a supplemental act, the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, again met in special session at Tiffin on the 18th of March, 1890, and after due consideration decided to change the name

Heidelberg College to that of Heidelberg University, with the view of enlarging its powers and purposes, and of increasing its efficiency and operations. And in order that the nature and extent of the change from college to university may be seen, and be made generally accessible to the synod and the church, we here embody the

Amendment of Charter or Articles of Incorporation.

"WHEREAS, it is the desire of the friends and patrons of Heidelberg College, located at Tiffin, Ohio, and incorporated by the authority of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, on the 13th day of February, 1851, for the sole purpose of promoting education, religion and morality, and of the Reformed Church in the United States controlling said college, to enlarge its powers and purposes and increase its efficiency in accordance with Section 3762 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Ohio; therefore

Resolved, By the Board of Trustees of said Heidelberg College, in special session assembled in the college building at Tiffin, Ohio, March 18, and 19, 1890, for such purpose and on personal notice to all the trustees of said college, that the Articles of Incorporation of Heidelberg College be amended as follows:

1. That the name thereof be changed to that of Heidelberg University of Tiffin, Ohio.

2. That the said university be under the entire management and control of a Board of Regents, consisting of twenty-four members elected at the same time and for the same term as the trustees of said college are now elected by the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. That the Trustees of said Heidelberg College now elected and acting as such be continued in office as members of such Board of Regents for the respective terms for which they were elected and that the officers and committees of this board continue the officers and committees of the Board of Regents until the annual meeting of the board and their successors are elected and qualified, and that such Board of Regents hold their meetings at such times and place, and under the same regulation as that of the Board of Trustees of said Heidelberg College.

3. That the following departments be and they hereby are established in said Heidelberg University:

Literary (including College and Academy).

Conservatory of Music.

Business.

Art.

Polytechnic.

And such other departments as may from time to time be established or admitted by the Board of Regents.

4. That the officers of the university shall consist of a Chancellor and a Secretary.

5. That the Chancellor shall be at the head of the university, preside at the general meetings of the faculties and with the faculties of the respective departments sign the diplomas, conduct all official correspondence, and perform such other duties as are usually connected with such office. The Secretary shall keep a record of the joint meetings of the faculties and perform such other duties as usually pertain to such office.

6. That whenever any student or students shall have completed the course of study prescribed in any particular department they shall be entitled to a diploma in such department.

7. That the faculties in each respective department shall be organized by said Board of Regents at such time and in such manner as said board may deem best, and their respective rights, powers and duties prescribed and defined by such board.

8. That the Faculty of said Heidelberg College as at present constitututed, and all others in the employment of said college shall be continued under the same conditions as those which have previously existed as to salary and departments of instruction.

9. That all the property, real property and estate, and all personal property, all endowment funds and investments, promissory notes, mortgages, securities, gifts, legacies and bequests, and assets of every kind and description, rights, powers and privileges belonging to, possessed and enjoyed by, or due or coming to said Heidelberg College, and claims in its favor, be and the same are hereby assigned, transferred and vested in said Heidelberg University.

10. That all contracts, obligations, undertakings, agreements, and liabilities of said Heidelberg College be assumed by said Heidelberg University.

11. That the said Heidelberg University for the sole and only purpose of promoting the objects and purposes of said University may acquire and hold real and personal property, in addition to the sum of $300,000 which said Heidelberg College is now authorized to acquire and hold, the further sum of $200,000, making in the aggregate the amount in value of $500,000.

12. That the President and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are instructed to cause a certified copy of these amendments, with the proper certificate, under the seal of said Heidelberg College, to be filed in the office of Secretary of State of Ohio, as required by said section of said Revised Statutes.

State of Ohio, }
Seneca County, } ss.

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy from the records of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, of a special meeting of such Board, held in the College Building in Tiffin, Ohio, on the 18th and 19th of March, A. D., 1890, regularly called by the President of such Board for the purpose of amending the Articles of Incorporation of said College so as to change its name, enlarge its purposes and object, and increase its efficiency.

That the above is a true copy of such amendment as passed by said Board and spread upon its records.

That the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College is composed of twenty-four members.

That each and all of the members of said Board of Trustees had been actually notified of the time and place of said special meeting of said Board, and the object and purpose of such meeting, for more than thirty days prior to such meeting.

That more than a majority of the members of such Board of Trustees were present at such special meeting, participating in its deliberations, and voted unanimously for such amendment to such Articles of Incorporation.

In Testimony Whereof, we, Isaac H. Reiter, as President, and H. H. W. Hibshman, as Secretary of the said Board of Trustees of said Heidelberg College, in accordance with the action of the board, do hereby set our hands and affix the corporate seal of said Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, Ohio, this 20th day of March, A. D. 1890.

ISAAC. H. REITER, *President.*

[Corporate Seal.] H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Secretary.*

United States of America, }
State of Ohio, } ss.
Office of the Secretary of State. }

I, Daniel J. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument is an exemplified copy, carefully compared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct of the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, enlarging the purpose of "Heidelberg College," and changing its corporate name to "Heidelberg University," filed in this office on the 28th day of March, A. D., 1890, and recorded in Volume 43, page 212, of the Records of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and seal at Columbus, O., this 28th day of March, A. D., 1890.

DANIEL J. RYAN,

[Seal.] *Secretary of State.*"

At the same special meeting of the board. held March 18th, 1890, the question of electing a Chancellor was also considered, and decided affirmatively. Thereupon Rev. John Kost, D. D., LL. D., was elected Chancellor of the University, and as such inaugurated with appropriate ceremonies in Rickly Chapel on Thursday, June 19th, in connection with the annual commencement exercises. He has since been actively and faithfully engaged in the discharge of his official duties in this capacity, as well as of those of President of the Polytechnic Department and Professor of Paleontology.

Moreover, it may also be stated in this connection, that Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., LL.D., the venerable, faithful and efficient President of Heidelberg College, now Literary Department of the University, tendered his resignation of said position to the Board of Regents on the 18th of June, 1890, and after due consideration it was accepted on the 19th. The position remains vacant. The aim however is to fill the vacancy as soon as the services of a properly qualified person can be secured for the position, requiring thorough scholarship, executive ability, practical tact, energy and efficiency.

The finances of the University are in a good condition. This is an encouraging fact, yet efforts should not be wanting to further increase the endowment, so that from the proceeds all the stipulated salaries of the professors and the current expenses may be promptly paid. The present endowment of interest bearing notes is about $91,000 while there are a number of notes, presumably good, payable at the death of the donors, and thus making the whole amount of the endowment about $125,000.

The board has raised the contingent dues from $2.00 to $3.00 per term. This small increase, while the amount is still lower than that of other similar institutions, will in itself be sufficient to cover about one-third of the yearly deficiency in the income for current expenses.

As is known, the last synod approved the action of the board in accepting the valuable museum of Dr. Kost, as a gift to Heidelberg College, upon the condition that the college be raised to a University, and that a suitable building be erected for the museum at a cost of about $15,000. The synod also pledged itself to aid in carrying out the conditions specified. Thus far, for reasons well understood, nothing definitely has been done towards the erection of the museum building on the campus. The board, however, cherishes the hope that the necessary means will be forth-coming for this purpose from the friends and patrons of the institution and that the synod will redeem its pledge by such support as will insure success to the proposed enterprise.

A part of the museum has been transferred to the institution at Tiffin, but for want of the necessary building only a portion thereof has been put in place, classified and arranged, in two of the rooms in the university building, making an attractive appearance; while as yet a portion thereof remains necessarily "boxed up" and stored away as best it can

be for the time being. Other portions of the museum have not yet been brought to Tiffin, for reasons already stated.

In conclusion, it is with deep feelings of sorrow that we have here to record and to report to your reverend body the death of Agent Henry Leonard. He closed his long and useful life December 7, 1889, at his home in Basil, Ohio, and has entered into his blessed rest. His "severe afflictions" were reported to the last synod, and he survived only about two months after synod's adjournment. He was a man of faith, consecration and activity, ever true to his vow to God and faithful in duty. His great life-work, unsurpassed perhaps by any in a similar sphere of activity, was that of Financial Agent of Heidelberg College, during a period of about thirty-one years, and the results he achieved will prove an enduring monument to his name. The synod should recognize his valuable services by some appropriate action *in memoriam!*

With due respect for official authority in fostering the cause of Christian education, and wishing peace and prosperity to the church, the synod and the university, and asking the earnest co-operation of all in the work intrusted to us as a board in the future as the past, we submit our report in behalf of the Board of Regents.

Most respectfully,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President of the Board of Regents.*

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2. Report of Treasurer of Board of Regents.

Report of Treasurer of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University to the Synod of Ohio.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount invested in notes and stocks		$91,271 32
Due in notes (about)		30,000 00
Whole amount of endowment		$121,271 32
Due Treasurer June 17, 1890	$ 379 39	
Paid out since June 17, 1890	1,566 02	
		1,945 41
Received since June, 17, 1890		1,758 74
Due Treasurer		186 67

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Due in notes and subscriptions		$9,103 00
Borrowed from Endowment Fund	$2,600 00	
Borrowed from Library Fund	200 00	
Interest due on library loan	55 00	
Due estate of H. Leonard	327 00	3,183 00
Balance due Building Fund		$5,920 00
Paid out since June 17, 1890	$192 50	
Received since June 17, 1890	148 40	
Due Treasurer		44 10

LIBRARY FUND.

Amount invested in stocks and loans		5362 68
Amount in Treasury June 17, 1890	$337 02	
Amount received since June 17, 1890	129 00	466 02
Interest due		73 50

ALUMNI PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

Amount raised for this fund (about)	$4,500 00
(Nearly all of this is collected and invested with endowment fund.)	
In Treasury	243 50

LABORATORY FUND.

Due Treasurer from this fund	$252 15

MUSEUM BUILDING FUND.

Due on scholarships sold	$155 00
Balance in Treasury June 17, 1890	41 85
Received cash since June 17, 1890	30 00
	$226 85
Paid out	14 25
Due Treasurer	$212 60

CONTINGENT FUND.

Indebtednes June 17, 1890		$1,126 08
Paid out since June 17, 1890	$914 59	
Received since June 17, 1890	795 80	$118 79
Present indebtedness		$1,007 29

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the morning session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board and of its Treasurer, adopted:

Your committee respectfully reports, that the only papers placed in its possession, are the report of the President of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, Treasurer's report of the same, together with a resolution of Lancaster Classis, but as synod has already passed upon the sentiment contained in the resolution, no further reference will be made to it in this report.

The very elaborate statements of the President of the Board of Regents, makes it quite unnecessary that this report should enter into any details whatsoever.

The synod learns with ever increasing gratification of the continued prosperity of the university, and of its growing popularity. The addition of new students this year, being the largest in its whole history; and now, the inspiring aggregation is reached by summing up all who are in attendance in the different departments, of about three hundred. This certainly should encourage the life-long friends of the institution to renewed effort and enlarged liberality. Let then those who have toiled, toil on, remembering the Scripture, "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not; and also, that God shall give to every man according as his work shall be."

This prosperity should be an inspiration to the whole church, so that in the near future our university may enjoy the loyal friendship and most cordial support of our entire membership.

The Treasurer's report indicates a healthy financial condition. Of course the endowment should be increased, and it is hoped that this may be speedily accomplished. The institution should be so equipped that in every department the highest degree of efficiency may be attained.

And now, believing as we do and as it was expressed in the report of the President of the college a year ago at the Canton Synod, that Providence has indicated the line of duty, and feeling assured that the members of the Board of Regents share in this faith; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our implicit confidence in their conscientious management of our university.

Resolved, That as a synod we remember with grateful appreciation, the forty years of faithful disinterested service of Rev. Reuben Good as Professor of Natural Sciences. That we put on record our remembrance of his untiring labors in his own department, of his self-sacrifice and zeal in behalf of our institutions, and of the affection, patience and gentleness which he ever manifested while leading his pupils along the intricate paths of science.

Resolved, That this synod gives expression to its high appreciation of the efficiency and faithfulness of Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., LL.D., the retiring President of Heidelberg College, now literary department of the university, during his twenty-four years of service in that capacity. That we remember with gratitude his unfailing interest, his zeal and his abundant labors in its behalf; and finally, that we pray the choicest blessings of Heaven to rest upon him during his remaining years.

Resolved, That it is with heartfelt sorrow that we record the death of Elder Henry Leonard, who for thirty-one years, in the capacity of financial agent of Heidelberg College, consecrated his best energies, his time, his all, to the interests of this institution of our church. His self-sacrificing efforts were limited only by his strength. His name was a

familiar household word, and his face that of a personal friend throughout our church, and we but express the sentiment of the entire church when we make mention of his worth and record his virtues, not on marble, but in the annals of the church, and in the hearts of the people.

Resolved, That synod make preparation for a suitable memorial service this afternoon at the close of the preparatory service.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

III. THE MATTER OF THE CHANCELLORSHIP.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 3 that there was at hand a petition numerously signed by citizens of Tiffin with reference to the late action of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University in the election of a Chancellor.

The same committee at the same time also reported in item 4 that a petition was received from members of the Faculty of Heidelberg University, requesting this reverend body not to adopt any action that would tend to withdraw the moral support of the Ohio Synod and the Church from the University.

The subject matter of these items was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Reuben Keller, Alpheus E. Baichly, James H. Steele, Elders John M. Smith and Jacob Pfeiffer. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, after due consideration, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom were referred items 3 and 4 in the report of the Committee on Overtures accompanied with certain papers, referring to Heidelberg University and its Chancellorship, would report as follows:

WHEREAS, In our opinion it would be unwise and inexpedient for this synod to take any final action in the case; therefore,

Resolved, That having full confidence in the integrity and ability of the Board of Regents, we refer the whole matter of the Chancellorship of said University to said board for such investigation and action as to them may seem best for the interests of the University and the church.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER,
ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY,
JAMES H. STEELE,
JOHN M. SMITH,
JACOB PFEIFFER,
Committee.

IV. ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Vice President*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Acting Treasurer, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee.—Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Mr. Benjamin F. Myers and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.	Mr. Irvin Yost.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.	Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.	Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.	Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.	Rev. George H. Leonard.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.	Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. John M. Kendig.
Rev. Michael Loucks.	Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	James H. Platt, Esq.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Orphans' Homes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 4 that Orphans' Homes were commended anew to the liberality and support of the church.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 2 that a communication was received from the superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

In this connection, Rev. John Rettig, superintendent of the Reformed Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Ind., being present as an advisory member, addressed the synod in an appropriate manner in regard to the condition, working and needs of said Home.

The subject matter of these items and the address was referred to a

special committee, consisting of Revs. Albert Gonser, Richard B. Reichard and Elder Jacob Sult. This committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee on the Orphans' Home beg leave to make the following report:

Only one document came into our hands which speaks in the interest of the Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., entrusted to the care of Rev. P. C. Prugh. This home is regarded by the authorities of both church and state to be in a very excellent condition. Recently, they greatly enlarged their capacities to accommodate more applicants. The number of children in the home last year was one hundred and ninety. All attend regularly, both Sabbath-school and preaching. They hold a weekly prayer meeting and have an encouraging missionary society.

We learn with gratitude that the children are growing in industry and obedience, and that they enjoy the privilege of attending day school about ten months out of the year and after proper catechetical instruction they are confirmed.

Furthermore, we listened with pleasure to the interesting and appropriate remarks by Rev. J. Rettig, the superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne. He spoke of the advancement and marked improvement of the home and cordially invited us to co-operate with them.

In view of these facts, we present the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the cause of St. Paul's Orphans' Home and the Ft. Wayne Orphans' Home be heartily recommended to the attention and liberal support of our pastors and congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT GONSER, *Chairman.*

Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 1 that a paper was received from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States. The item was adopted, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the cause of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows be again referred to the classes for favorable consideration.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—Your Sunday-school Board has but little to report, as but little remains for it to do, since the organization of the work under General Synod's Board. There has not even been occasion to call the board in session since the meeting of synod last year.

From reports received from all classes, save Lancaster, upon the state of the Sunday-school, in all sections of the church, we learn with pleasure that the cause is growing, enlisting new interest and proving an increasing source of power, and supply to the church.

Conventions have been held in all the classes, and are reported to have been interesting and profitable, the most serious and humiliating complaint in nearly every instance, being that they were too largely neglected by the ministry of the different classes, whose absence was deplored and whose presence might have been so helpful.

Synod should affectionately urge upon its ministry, as a matter of conscience, duty and support to this great and good work, faithful and regular attendance upon these conventions.

Programs of each, excepting Lancaster, accompany this report.

Statistics have been received from all the classes except Lancaster, the figures of which we could not take from the Minutes of last year, since the statistical table from the board's report was not printed in the same. These tables show many encouraging features and when taken in comparison with other years, gives bright hope for the future. We recommend that they be published in the Minutes of Synod. They were omitted last year much to the embarrassment of us who are especially interested in this branch of our church work.

The church may well congratulate herself on the circulation and character of her present series of Sunday-school helps and literature, which in merit and appearance are equal to those found in other churches and for this reason, command more nearly than ever before, the entire patronage of our schools, a matter that will only be completely righted, when every school in the church shall use the authorized helps of our General Board. The most embarrassing feature is the failure of the General Board, (though it has earnestly attempted,) to provide our schools with festival services, Children's Day, &c. We shall be glad if the Sunday-school Committee will suggest some definite plan to synod by which we may be regularly provided with services issued from our own church.

Children's Day appears to have been generally observed at the proper time and in accordance with the action of synod last year, the collections were devoted to missions.

The board hereby again recommends that the synod again designate some object to which the collections of next year shall go, and earnestly requests each school to apply the same accordingly. It is further suggested that the different pastors see to it that the amounts of these collections be reported to the treasurers of the different classes, who in turn, in due time shall report the totals for the classes to the *Christian World* for publication.

The officers of the board for the past year were A. E. Baichly, President, and E. P. Herbruck, Secretary.

The attention of synod is called to the fact that the terms of Revs. D. W. Ebbert, and Geo. H. Leonard expire with this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT OF OHIO SYNOD

of the Reformed Church in the United States for the year ending October 1st, 1890.

NAME OF CLASSIS.	No. of Schools.	No. of months held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of copies of S. S. Papers taken per week.	Collections for use of School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teachers' Meetings?		Do you study the Catechism in the S. S.	
											yes.	no.	yes.	no.
Miami	47	11½	4450	688	5138	157	724	2878	$2,021	$ 549	12	9	5	13
Lancaster	23		2058	320	2378									
Tuscarawas	41	11½	4331	577	5106	279	1717	2658	2.192	789	11	30	3	38
Tiffin	29	11½	2418	281	2699	82	675	1095	885	391		12	5	8
Eastern Ohio	24	10	2629	313	2942	161	718	756	252	252	7	15	18	6
St. Joseph	31	10	2545	374	2919	72	974	1602	1.169	181	4	10	5	9
Totals.	195	11	18431	2553	21182	751	4808	8991	$6,519	$2,162	34	76	36	74

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committees on Sunday-schools and Catechisation beg leave respectfully to report that the following documents were placed in their hands.

1. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools, with the statistical table.

2. The programs of the Sunday-school conventions of five of the classes of synod held during the past year.

From these documents it appears that there has been commendable activity in the work of the Sunday-school during the past year, 751 scholars having been received into full communion with the church, yet it may fairly be questioned whether there has not been less accomplished than might have been the case if all the people within our charges had a proper mind for the work. In view of the fact that our age is one of extraordinary activity as regards Bible study, and further that an extensive literature and various appliances to facilitate Sunday-school effort is ready at hand, we conclude that increased energy must be used by us in this department of church labor each year. We must move onward with the advancing age, and be active Sunday-school workers, or we will be left behind in the race. As fast as Providence opens the way we should supply ourselves with proper aid, and thus be effective as well as earnest laborers in this branch of the Master's vineyard.

The other matter referred to in the title of our committee is catechisation. This word has come to have a special meaning among us, viz: the instruction of our children and youth in Bible truth as presented in the Heidelberg Catechism, the authoratative symbol of the church. There is danger that the time-honored custom of pastoral catechisation may be eclipsed by the later phases of Sunday-school work. But the two interests should ever be closely united. Evidently, solid instruction can best be given by the pastor in a regular catechetical class. This class may be held separately, or at the time of the sessions of the school, but in any case the catechism should be kept in constant use. The teachers also and the superintendent may use the catechism in the class or in the general exercises of the school to excellent advantage.

Sunday-school conventions in the various classes have been greatly blessed of the Master, but complaint has been made of the absence of pastors to the regret of workers for the cause. It is to be hoped that all pastors will diligently labor for the success of the annual conventions, and will endeavor to be present on each occasion. The consolidation of our denominational Sunday-school work under the General Synod's Board, frees us in a measure from the labor of preparing Sunday-school periodicals and lesson helps, yet owing to their failure in the premises, we are called upon to request our own board to furnish outlines of service suited to the festival days, in addition to the excellent matter they are furnishing at present. We are also asked to designate some suitable object to which Children's Day collections shall be devoted during the coming year. We therefore present the following for action:

The board hereby again recommends that the synod again designate some object to which the collections of next year shall go, and earnestly requests each school to apply the same accordingly. It is further suggested that the different pastors see to it that the amounts of these collections be reported to the treasurers of the different classes, who in turn, in due time shall report the totals for the classes to the *Christian World* for publication.

The officers of the board for the past year were A. E. Baichly, President, and E. P. Herbruck, Secretary.

The attention of synod is called to the fact that the terms of Revs. W. Ebbert, and Geo. H. Leonard expire with this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President*

II. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT OF OHIO SYNOD

of the Reformed Church in the United States for the year e October 1st, 1890.

NAME OF CLASSIS.	No. of Schools.	No. of months held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of copies of S. S. Papers taken per week.	Collections for use of School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Teachers' Meetings?
Miami	47	11½	4450	688	5138	157	724	2878	$2,021	$ 549	Y
Lancaster	23		2058	320	2378						
Tuscarawas	41	11½	4331	577	5106	279	1717	2658	2.192	789	
Tiffin	29	11½	2418	281	2699	82	675	1095	885	391	
Eastern Ohio	24	10	2629	313	2942	161	718	758	252	252	
St. Joseph	31	10	2545	374	2919	72	974	1602	1.169	181	
Totals.	195	11	18431	2553	21182	751	4808	8991	$6,519	$2,162	

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY S

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catecl the afternoon session on Friday, submitted their re received and adopted:

The Standing Committees on Sunday-schools and C leave respectfully to report that the following docume in their hands.

The report of the Board of Sunday-schools [illegible]

The programs of the Sunday-school [illegible] of synod held during the past year.

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[illegible] referred to in the title of our committee [illegible] come to have a special meaning among [illegible] children and youth in Bible truth [illegible] the authoratative symbol of [illegible] the honored custom of pastoral [illegible] phases of Sunday school [illegible] closely united. Evident [illegible] pastor in a regular [illegible] at the time of the [illegible] should be kept [illegible] may use [illegible]

Resolved, That we return our grateful thanks to the great Head of the church for the favor he has shown to our Sunday-school efforts during the past year; while at the same time we pledge ourselves to renewed effort in this behalf during the coming year.

Resolved, That the Children's Day collections for the next year be devoted to the cause of Beneficiary Education, which is of so great interest to the future of our beloved Zion, and which also is in great need of financial aid.

Resolved, That we request the Sunday-school Board to furnish for our Sunday-schools, suitable forms of service for festival and Children's Day occasions as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That we earnestly request pastors and officers of Sunday-schools within our bounds to prepare annual statistics according to the furnished blanks, in full, and forward them to the Synod's Board in time for our annual sessions.

Resolved, That all pastors be earnestly requested to attend the annual Sunday-school conventions of the various classes to which they belong, and that they be affectionately urged to co-operate heartily in their proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *President*, Farmersville, Ohio.
Mr. Victor P. Van Horne, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard, Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. George H. Leonard, Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN ST. JOSEPH AND TIFFIN CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 7 that a committee was appointed to define the east and south boundary lines of St. Joseph and Tiffin Classes, and to report to this synod. At this point, on motion, the name of Rev. Allen K. Zartman was substituted for that of Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, who had removed from the bounds of St. Joseph Classis, as a member of the committee appointed by the last synod. Subsequently the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to define the east and south boundary lines of St. Joseph and Tiffin Classes, would report as follows:

Your committee had a meeting and canvassed the field, and has the following resolution to offer:

Resolved, That the boundary lines of said classes shall remain as at present indicated by the location of the pastoral charges of said classes.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN K. ZARTMAN,
GEO. W. WILLIARD,
LEWIS B. CLAYTON,
DAVID A. PARKS,
Committee.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports relating to publication were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication was organized in Canton, Ohio, October 7, 1889, by the election of the following officers:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. R. B. Reichard, *Secretary*, Swander's Crossing.
Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

A meeting was subsequently held in Dayton, September 12, 1890. At this meeting the various publications issued by the Reformed Publishing Company, were canvassed, and, while imperfection characterizes the results of all human enterprise, however, well planned and skillfully executed, yet the board feels justified in congratulating the synod upon the successful operations of its publishing house. It has caused the church no anxiety as to its ability, financially or otherwise, to go forward with its special work, that of furnishing our people with a religious paper. The *Christian World*, because of its real merit as a family paper is most earnestly commended, by your board, to the cordial and generous support of all our people. It comes into our families laden with no long controversial or heavy theological articles. The long obituary notices are reduced both in size and number. The local home paper is the place for these. It is the constant effort both of the editors and board to crowd the pages of our paper with facts and truths, and church news, reduced to the smallest compass, all of which is designed, not only to make the paper interesting but preeminently helpful to all our people. It will, doubtless be gratifying to synod to learn that these efforts have not been without tangible expressions of appreciation; and that the *Christian World* has now attained its best support in its whole history.

It is also most cheering to know that all the Sabbath helps have reached their largest circulation in the year about to close. These are used nearly everywhere in the church to the exclusion of all other publications. It is apparent that the work of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod is productive of the best results. The church owes here its entire patronage, for its authority is responsible through the General Synod for these periodicals. Their very character is determined by the free use of General Synod's prerogative. Hence the moral responsibility at least, of sustaining the publishers, by giving them loyal support.

The board urges upon all prompt payment, and cheerful and earnest co-operation in every effort to widen the circulation of our own periodicals.

It is quite probable that the revenues of the church could be increased by raising the subscription of our periodicals to such numbers which would justify the publishers to enter into an obligation to pay a certain amount each year into our benevolent funds.

The time for which Revs. Dr. H. M. Herman and S. B. Yockey have been elected to serve as members of this board, expires at this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, slightly amended, and, together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your Committee on Publication would beg leave to submit the following report:

The only document that came into our hands, is the report of the Board of Publication.

The board congratulates the synod upon the successful operations of the publishing house: It having caused the church no anxiety as to its ability financially or otherwise, to go forward with its special work, that of furnishing the people with a religious paper of real merit. It earnestly commends the *Christian World*, as a family paper to the cordial and generous support of all our people. It also notes the fact that the *Christian World* as well as the Sabbath-school helps have reached their largest circulation in the year about to close.

The board urges upon all, prompt payment and the cheerful and earnest co-operation in every effort to widen the circulation of these periodicals. It also expresses the opinion that the circulation of these periodicals might be so extended and the revenues thereby so increased as to justify the publishers to pay annually a certain portion into the treasury of our benevolent fund. Whilst this seems highly gratifying to the board and must be to the synod, yet in the judgment of your committee a somewhat different course might be pursued and a better end accomplished, and would therefore offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the prompt compliance of the subscribers to the *Christian World* with the terms of the subscription be and hereby is recommended and urged.

Resolved, That instead of turning a certain portion of the revenues accruing from an increased circulation of the paper and Sunday-school supplies into the church treasury as contemplated by the board, the price of these periodical be reduced, thus giving its patrons the benefit of an increased circulation, or that there be a reduction in the amount

of advertising matter, and a reduction in the size of the type used, and a corresponding increase in original matter and general church news.

Resolved, That with a view of securing the very best results financially, and of accomplishing the greatest amount of good in reaching the largest number of readers, the publications of the Reformed Publishing Co., be commended to the earnest support and liberal patronage of the church and that pastors and people be urged to put forth renewed and more vigorous efforts to increase as far as possible the circulation of all its periodicals. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE Z. MECHLING, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. Richard B. Reichard, *Secretary*, Greenville, Ohio.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *Treasurer*, Xenia, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1891.

Rev. James H. Steele. Elder Michael D. Myers.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

IV. REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

The undersigned, as stated clerk, in response to the inquiry raised in item 9 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, would report that in obedience to the instructions of the synod, he had 1,800 copies of the official Minutes of the last annual sessions of synod published, and distributed the same among those entitled to receive them. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to have 1,800 copies of the Minutes of the present synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute the same among the several classes.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports were received and claimed the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

Cash on hand October 3, 1869	$508 29
Cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas. Miami Classis, for cont. last year	65 00
" " " " " " " " this year	100 00
" " Elder E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tuscarawas Classis, for contingent fund	126 00
" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas. Tiffin Classis, for contingent fund	71 00
" " " " " " " for Bohemian Church Aid	89
" " Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. E. Ohio Classis, for contingent fund	94 00
" " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis, for Bohemian Ch. Aid,	1 78
" " " " " " " " for cont. fund, this y'r,	25 00
	$991 91

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Paid for stationery used at last synod	$ 2 00
" for printing tickets	1 25
" sexton at Canton	10 00
" stated clerk's salary	75 00
" Dr. H. Rust's expenses to Central Synod	2 00
" R. F. Keiker, Treas. B. C. F. M	25 00
" bill of stated clerk for printing minutes of synod, etc	262 80
Paid out	$378 05
In treasury	613 86
	$991 91

DUE ON APPORTIONMENT LAST YEAR.

From Miami Classis	$ 60 00
From Lancaster Classis	51 00
From St. Joseph Classis	73 00
Total indebtedness	$184 00.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and as amended, together with the report of the treasurer, adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

The several amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: $500 for the contingent expenses of Ohio Synod, $294.15 for contingent expenses of General Synod, $7,500 for Home Missions, $2,000 for beneficiary education, $245.10 for Harbor Missions, and ten cents per member for church erection fund, making the total amount for apportionment $12,529.45. The apportionment made is as follows:

CLASSES.	Members.	Synodical Contingent Fund.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Harbor Missions.	Church Erection Fund.
Miami	5,162	$129 69	$77 59	$1,945 42	$518 78	$64 52	$516 20
Lancaster	2,541	63 84	38 15	957 63	255 37	31 76	254 10
Tuscarawas	4,393	110 37	65 28	1,655 58	441 49	54 91	439 30
Tiffin	2,173	54 59	32 25	818 92	218 38	27 16	217 30
Eastern Ohio	3,263	81 98	47 20	1,229 73	327 93	40 79	326 30
St. Joseph	2,370	59 54	35 42	893 17	238 18	29 63	237 00
Total	19,902	$500 01	$295 84	$7,500 45	$2,000 13	$248 77	$1,990 20

The only document placed in our hands is the report of the Treasurer of Synod, which we find to be correct.

Attention is called in this report to the arrearage of Miami, Lancaster and St. Joseph Classes, to the amount of $184.00.

We recommend that said classes be instructed to pay their arrearage as soon as possible. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

III. BILLS ALLOWED AND TO BE PAID BY TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod:

1. Mr. J. A. DeLong, $1.15 for stationery for the use of synod during its sessions.

2. Mr. Wm. F. Clark, $1.00 for printing 150 tickets for the use of synod.

3. The sexton, $10.00 for his services as such during the sessions of synod.

4. The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod, on the remaining debt of the board, not to exceed $400.00.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. The report was received, and then recommitted for correction. Subsequently the committee again presented their report, which was received and adopted. The committee was instructed to have 150 copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod. On motion, the election of the several boards and of the delegate to the Central Synod was made the order of the day for Saturday morning immediately after the opening of the synod. This motion was afterwards reconsidered, and the election was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon at three o'clock. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Albert H. Zechiel, B. Frank Davis, Richard B. Reichard and William H. Tussing were appointed tellers, who distributed the printed tickets among the members of synod, and gathered and counted the ballots; and during the morning session on Saturday they reported the result to synod.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII, Missions; XIV, Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV, Heidelberg University; XVII, Sunday-schools; XX, Church Government; XXI, Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. William F. Zanders, delegate from the Central Synod, appeared in synod during the morning session on Friday, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member. On motion, his formal address to synod was made the order of the day at that time.

He thereupon addressed the synod in an appropriate manner and brotherly spirit, referring to the prosperous condition and effectual working of the synod he represented, and cordially conveying its kind greeting to this synod, expressing a warm desire that the present mutual relations may continue.

The president happily responded, and requested the delegate to convey to his synod the cordial greetings of this synod.

DELEGATE TO THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported that Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., had been elected as delegate *primarius*, and Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly as *secundus*, to the Central Synod of the Reformed Church. No written

report was received, as it appeared that the delegate had not attended to the duty assigned; but Dr. Rust verbally stated the reasons of his non-attendance, and he was excused by synod.

The election for a delegate to the Central Synod of the Reformed Church, to attend its annual meeting in 1891, resulted in the choice of Rev. Harrison H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *primarius*, and Rev. Frederick H. Keller, *secundus*.

THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 11 that a Standing Committee on the subject of Temperance was appointed to submit a report to this synod. Thereupon the following report was received and adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: One of the greatest problems of these stirring times is the temperance question. It presses hard for solution upon the minds and consciences of all conservators of peace and purity, and of the defenders of the principles of the church and good government. The rum power is working for evil and that continually, and its influence as a blighting curse, is ever waxing bolder; more menacing and more corrupting.

The state is wearing the yoke of this giant, for he enters boldly and defiantly, our highest tribunals, dictates the repeal of old laws not according to his liking and orders the enactment of new ones that more thoroughly protect him and behind which he can more safely mask himself. This corrupting of the higher tribunals, to say nothing of the lower courts and officials, has been steadily advancing until the nation, state and communlty, bleeding at every pore, are seeking by the fundamental law of self-preservation, a deliverance from the enslaving power of the liquor forces.

The family, too, is invaded, and scarcely is there an exception to the rule, that hearts are broken, the most tender ties sundered, self-respect is lost, money and property turned into the channels of the nefarious industry, and women and children left in helplessness, poverty, disgrace and woe. The sea of life is literally strewn with such wrecks of homes bitterly crying to the church and state for help.

Again, the church of Christ has by no means the least amount of suffering entailed upon it. It should not be possible for this monster to enter the sacred precincts and visible body of our Lord Jesus Christ, but he has come, and with fearful effect, in the legion of evils which he

breeds, feeds and fosters; in the appetites and vices which he sets in motion against the influences of prayer, the preaching of the Word and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit; in the dishonor that he brings upon God's blessed name; in the obstacles that he throws in the way of young and old of attending the stated worship of the sanctuary; in his diligent sowing, on the Lord's day, seeds of vice and crime, deterring the boys and young men by the thousand from submission to and worship of the triune God. Thus he thins the ranks of the church, weakens our Sabbath-schools, and cripples and nullifies missionary and evangelistic work.

These all,—the state, the family and the church, having alike a divine origin and end—should be preserved blameless, in their higher harmony, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Politics, in its true sense, is the application of moral principles to the affairs of state so as to protect us in our rights and facilitate our efforts in behalf of family and church; the family is the fundamental repository and conservator of the principles of church and state; the church is the channel through which, or the holy highway upon which sinners are brought to the saving knowledge of Christ, thus making it possible for family and state to attain to the glorious destiny for which they were ordained. This is the divine triangle of organized condition and power, every side of which is needed to perfect our power for good, and towards every side of which we must diligently exercise ourselves, as citizens of the nation, as members of the family-circle and as ministers and elders of the church who are in harmony with our heavenly commission, to work for the salvation of the world.

Recognizing, first, that the Rum Power in our land is inimical to the peace, health and morals of the people; second, that all taxation and license have proved conspicuous and humiliating failures, these being first lost and always held up by liquor men as sanctions and protections of the law; third, that it is only entrenching the enemy and inviting victory for them and counting defeat for itself for the state to sell such indulgences to a conscienceless and criminal class for a wicked traffic; fourth, that a right and courageous attitude of the church is demanded so that with a sentiment based upon truth and right and a courage grounded in consecrated Christian manhood, a happy issue to this question may be speedily reached; and fifth, that ministers, officers and teachers in the Christian church, educators, legislators and civil rulers of all grades are demanded who will hold, defend and promulgate, personally and officially, the principles of temperance, of sobriety and of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors as beverages; therefore

Resolved, That as this has become pre-eminently a national issue, we will as officers in the church and as citizens of our beloved land, do all in our power, by example and precept, in public and in private, in the

pulpit and at the ballot-box, that at an early day, the Congress of the United States will enact such laws as will forever prohibit the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of all intoxicating liquors as beverages.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER,
SEBASTIAN C. GOSS,
HENRY F. REES.
Committee.

The Standing Committee on the subject of Temperance, as appointed by the president, to report to the synod at its next annual meeting, consists of Revs. Solomon W. Seeman, William E. Ludwick and Elder Irvin Yost.

BOOK ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF ELDER H. LEONARD.

Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard presented to the synod the book on the Life, Character and Work of Agent Henry Leonard, accompanied with a few appropriate remarks. Whereupon, on motion the book was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John J. M. Gruber, Louis B. C. Lahr and Elder George N. Whipp. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee on the book, entitled, "The Life, Character and Work of Elder Henry Leonard," would beg leave to report the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That the book be thankfully accepted and placed in the Archives; and that we recommend the work to the families of the Reformed Church as worthy of a place in their homes, and that by this means the name and memory of Henry Leonard may be held in grateful remembrance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. M. GRUBER, *Chairman.*

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the morning session on Saturday, recommended appropriate memorial services in memory of Elder Henry Leonard. It was also suggested and ordered that the names of Rev. Jesse Steiner and Rev. David S. Caldwell be included in these services. Then, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange memorial services, and to designate the speakers and the time in their report to synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Edward M. Beck, Israel Rothenberger and Elder Irvin Yost. This committee during the same session presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to arrange memorial services in memory of the sainted Elder Henry Leonard, Rev. Jesse Steiner and Rev. David S. Caldwell, beg leave to report the following:

1. That Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard conduct the services, consisting of singing, prayer and addresses.

2. That the opening addresses be made by Dr. Williard and Dr. Reiter, and that these be followed with three minutes addresses by members of synod.

3. That the services, as to time, shall take place on Saturday afternoon immediately after the close of the preparatory services.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. BECK, *Chairman.*

At the appointed time, about half-past three o'clock P. M., the memorial services were observed according to the directions of the report of the committee. The occasion was one of special interest and solemnity.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

During the morning session on Thursday, on motion, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. The places nominated were Miamisburg and Bellevue, Ohio, when the nominations closed. The roll was called and the election proceeded, resulting in favor of Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio; and, on motion, the election was made unanimous. The time fixed was the first Wednesday in October 7th, A. D. 1891, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, the president appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, to whom all applications for leave of absence were referred. The committee consists of Revs. Solomon W. Seeman, John A. Ketrow and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee, through its chairman, Rev. S. W. Seeman, at the final

roll call near the close of the last session on Saturday afternoon, presented their report, which was accepted and the recommendations contained therein, approved by synod.

GREETINGS OF SYNODS.

The following telegram of brotherly greeting was received on Saturday forenoon, October 4, 1890, from the officers of the Pittsburgh Synod, namely:

"The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church now in session in Meadville, Pa., sends greetings to the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in session at Bluffton, Indiana: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you. Amen."

By order of the Pittsburgh Synod.

J. F. WIANT, *President.*

J. M. SCHICK, *Stated Clerk.*

MEADVILLE, PA., October 3, 1890.

On motion, the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod was instructed to respond in suitable words, which he did in the following manner:

Telegram received. The Ohio Synod now in session at Bluffton, Indiana, responds with greetings to the Pittsburgh Synod now in session at Meadville, Pa: Brethren, grace be to you, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

By order of the Ohio Synod.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

BLUFFTON, INDIANA, October 4, 1890.

A proposition was received from Elder Benjamin Ashbaucher to take a photograph of the synod in a group. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That we gratefully accept the proposition of Elder Benjamin Ashbaucher to photograph in group the members of this body and the ladies of the Missionary Society, and that we set apart the hour of 5 o'clock P. M. on Friday for such purpose.

At the appointed time, the photographing as stated was executed.

On motion, during the morning session on Thursday, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman was appointed to report the proceedings of synod for the *Bluffton Bugle,* which he did expeditiously and satisfactorily up to Saturday morning. Then for satisfactory reasons assigned he was excused,

and Rev. Charles E. Miller was appointed in his place, and he rendered efficient and acceptable work. Mr. Parley Zartman, a student in Heidelberg Theological Seminary, at the request of the editors, acted as reporter for the *Christian World*, and performed a good work for the church, as well as satisfactory to the synod.

The following resolution, in regard to the publication of the proceedings of the Woman's Missionary Society, was adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the request of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod, to have its minutes incorporated in the printed minutes of synod, be granted.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions of thanks were adopted by the synod:

Resolved, That this synod hereby expresses its sincere thanks to the pastor and people of the Reformed Church, and the citizens of Bluffton, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of this body, and to the choir of the church who furnished such excellent music in our public meetings.

Resolved, That the pastor of the church be requested to read this action from his pulpit, and have it published in the Bluffton papers.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church are hereby tendered to the several railroad companies included in the Central Traffic Association, for the courtesy extended in granting excursion rates to our delegates and others attending the sessions of this synod at Bluffton, Indiana.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to communicate this action to said companies.

The roll was called, in connection with the report of the excuses granted by the Committee on Leave of Absence, and there were found absent without permission or excuse the following members:

From Miami Classis.—Rev. Daniel R. Taylor, and Elder William Scott.

From Tuscarawas Classis.—Elder William H. Bahl.

From St. Joseph Classis.—Rev. William H. Mawherter.

The minutes of the two sessions of to-day (Saturday) were read and approved, and then the minutes were adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in convention in the Reformed Church at Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 7th, A. D. 1891, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Saturday afternoon, October 4th, 1890, at five o'clock, by joining in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and Doxology; the benediction was pronounced by the president.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes. Attest:

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Ohio Synod, Reformed Church in the United States.

The society met in annual session at Bluffton, Ind., on Thursday, at 2.30 P. M., October 2, 1890.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. M. Loucks, of Dayton, O., and opened with devotional exercises.

The different classes were represented as follows: *Miami*, Miss Sallie M. Weaver, Miamisburg, O.; *Lancaster*, Mrs. S. L. Runkel, Hallsville, O.; *Tuscarawas*, Mrs. E. M. Beck, Wooster, O.; *Eastern Ohio*, Mrs. Ida Deemer, Franklin Square, O.; *St. Joseph*, Mrs. Benj. Ashbaucher, Bluffton, Ind.

Classical societies sent delegates as follows: Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, O.; Miss Ditman, Greenville, O.; Mrs. H. M. Herman, Miamisburg, O.; Mrs. Hogland, Fairfield, O.; Mrs. E. Herbruck, Dayton, O.; Mrs. Lydia Gottschall, Springboro, O.; Mrs. H. L. Hart, West Alexandria, O.; Mrs. R. C. Zartman, Akron, O.; Mrs. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth, O.; Mrs. J. C. Baumgartner, Bluffton, Ind.; Miss Emma Neireiter, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. L. B. Clayton, Hudson, Ind.

The following corps of officers was elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. A. K. Zartman, *President*, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mrs. S. C. Goss, *First Vice President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Mrs. E. Herbruck, *Second Vice President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. Ida Deemer, *Recording Secretary*, Franklin Square, Ohio.
Miss Emma Neireiter, *Corresponding Secretary*, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mrs. G. W. Henning, *Treasurer*, Osnaburg, Ohio.

The committees appointed are as follows:

Executive Committee: Board of Officers *Ex-officio*, Mrs. Yockey, Mrs. Xanders, Mrs. Hart.

On Resolutions: Mrs. Yockey, Miss Weaver, Mrs. Herbruck.

On Reports: Mrs. Loucks, Mrs. Beck, Miss Neireiter.

On Assessments: Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Yockey, Mrs. Loucks.

Auditing Committee: Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Ashbaucher, Mrs. Goss.

The classical societies submitted their general reports, which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

The Treasurer submitted her report, which was referred to the auditing committee and adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed that the various classes had during the year raised the following amounts, most of which had been devoted to Home and Foreign Missions.

Miami Classis	$1,176 53
Lancaster Classis	357 28
Tuscarawas Classis	1,671 96
Tiffin Classis no report.	
Eastern Ohio Classis	575 00
St. Joseph Classis	600 00
	$4,385 53

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was quite a brilliant event, the church being filled to its utmost capacity.

The Ohio Synod adjourned and attended in a body. After the usual devotional exercises the following program was rendered:

Address of Welcome,	Mrs. Xander
Response,	Mrs. Herbruck
Paper, "Proportionate Giving,"	Mrs. Zartman
Paper, "Wanted,"	Mrs. Deemer
Paper, "Progress of Japan,"	Miss Neireiter
Review of past year's work,	Retiring president

A collection of $28.36 was lifted and donated to Grace Mission, Cleveland.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Society opened at 9 A. M., with devotional exercises conducted by the president.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The efforts of the women of the Ohio Synod in organizing a Woman's Synodical Missionary Society have been blessed of God, as is manifest in its rapid growth both as to members and funds; and

WHEREAS, The women who have participated in this work have evidently developed in missionary knowledge, as well as in zeal and efficiency in missionary work; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge every woman within the bounds of the Ohio Synod to identify herself with the missionary work of the church, and exert her best efforts to further the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society and a Mission Band in every congregation;

Resolved, That as a society we put forth greater efforts along the line of organization, so that another year may find every congregation within the bounds of Ohio Synod fully organized for missionary work:

Resolved, That the congregational societies be recognized as an auxiliary to the Synodical, and all as auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

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John M. Kessler	Mulberry	4	380	320	27	7	10	13	342	25		36	17	3	50	388	2	$315 00	$1,336 00	20	Mulberry, Ind.
William H. Xanders	Bluffton	3	222	140	12	3	11	11	165			21	4	3	30	255		113 00	2,248 00	13	Bluffton, Ind.
Solomon A. Alt	Wakeshma	4	172	84	3	3			129	14		28	1	4	41	186	1	133 00	718 00	8	Fulton, Mich.
Freeman Ware	Three Rivers	1	122	48	3	1	2	7	110			2	2	1	15	110		57 00	630 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
Freeman Ware, sup	Moore Park	1	35	12					25	1								16 00	53 00	2	Three Rivers, Mich.
William A. From	Bunkerhill	3	83		1	2	1		67				4	3	24	120		30 50	600 00	9	Pulaski, O.
	Winamac, (1)	3	71	39																4	Winamac, Ind.
William H. Mawherter	Neriah Mission	2	44		1	3	6		44					2	20	100		26 00	259 00	5	Morocco, Mich.
Henry S. Bailey	White Pigeon	2	91											1	7	45				4	White Pigeon, Mich.
	St. Paul's Mission	2	101	50	5	1	4		88	17		16	2	2	20	105		48 00	275 00	5	Colon, Mich.
Allen K. Zartman	Grace Reformed Mis.	1	190	50	5	13	12	16	170	5		22	1	1	15	200	1	164 00	1,200 00	6	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman, sup	Salem	1	56	52	2	1		2	50					1	10	100		20 00	300 00	4	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Samuel Shaw	Marmont	5	221	161	28	9	15	20	180	4		35	4	5	56	398		99 00	1,969 00	23	Marmont, Ind.
	Plymouth Mission	3	80	40	4			7	70	2		10	3	2	23	110		56 50	423 00	12	Plymouth, Ind.
Lewis B. Clayton	Union	2	108	44	3				100	5			3	2	23	120		53 00	500 00	9	Hudson, Ind.
	Denver Mission, (1)	3	160	47																6	Denver, Ind.
Henry S. Gekeler	Zion's	2	166		4	14	7	13	129	4			3	2	40	333		83 00	1,155 00	7	Goshen, Ind.
	Kentland Mission, (1)	2	45																	6	Brook, Ind.
Theodore J. Bacher	Nottawa	1	23			3	6	17	23											5	Nottawa, Mich.
Daniel Kroh	Without Charge																				East Saginaw, Mich.
Elias Spangler	" "																				Edgerton, O.
[illegible] J. Spangler	" "																				Farmer, O.
[illegible]. Potts	" "																				North Robinson, O.
[illegible]tal, 16.		46	2370	1066	100	40	89	133	1642	77		160	46	32	374	2570	4	$1,214 00	$11,676 00	153	

[illegible]Report of last year.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.
William A. Hale, D. D	1st Church, Dayton	1	645		18	17	36	18	575	1	1	13	15	1		343	1	$ 739 25	$3,140 17	25	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	1	210				4	9	180	..		12	1	1	21	179		*20,250 00	1,300 00	12	Xenia, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	1st Reformed	1	359	80	23	4	19	17	330			12	10	1	27	297	1	317 04	1,400 00	16	Miamisburg, O.
Harvey L. Hart	West Alexandria	3	275	20	3	9	19	3	275		1	54	3	3		280		200 00	1,200 00	17	West Alexandria, O.
Samuel B. Yockey, sup.	Cæsar Creek	2	60						55			62		2				20 00	150 00	6	Xenia, O.
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	3	451	52	8	56	60	19	354	13		5	3	3	43	333		293 25	865 00	25	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	533	98		2	3	1	358	11				5				100 00	640 00	30	North Hampton, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr, sup	Highland	2	120	18	1	2	3		105	2		34	2	2	22	130		65 42	438 50	12	Hillsboro, O.
George Z. Mechling	1st Reformed	1	105	31	3	12	14	6	87		2	10	3	1	22	190		65 00	458 00	8	Hamilton, O.
Richard B. Reichard	Trinity	3	170		1	6	6	4	133	1		28	1	3	33	157		94 00	840 00	15	Swander's Crossing, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville	2	257	90	8	3	4	1	242	1		10	4	2			1	145 00	880 00	14	Farmersville, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly, sup.	Winchester	1	15	5				1	15	3		2	1	1	1	60		4 00			Farmersville, O.
John A. Ketrow	Tremont City	3	220		13	4	6	6	126	8		30	2	3	42	250		57 78	900 00	20	Tremont City, O.
B. Frank Davis	Springboro	1	96	50	4	2	2	1	85	5		4	2	1		110		147 07	589 30	10	Springboro, O.
William H. Tussing	Germantown	2	177	39	11		1	5	147	9		53	2	2	34	178		70 00	730 00	15	Germantown, O.
Raymond R. Lackey	Bethel	4	152											2						6	Greenville, O.
Supplied	Salem	2	35	13			2		23				1	2	20	85			62 00	2	
Michael Loucks, sup	Valley	3	261	77	11	2	6	7	215	6		7	4	3	24	250	1	1 46	955 00	18	Dayton, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	262		4	4	8	6	200	2			3	3	30	185				12	Arcanum, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver	3	301	*42	2	8	1	19	266	8		14	5	3		277	2	522 00	1,308 00	30	Alpha, O.
John Stuck	New Pittsburgh	3	171	40	3	6	22	3	146	1		49		3	28	203		20 00	625 00	4	Boundary City, Ind.
Levi Rike	Zion (Elk Creek).	1	28	7	2	2	2		27					1	11	50		15 00	200 00	2	Heno, O.
William E. Ludwick	Greenville	1	56	22	6	2	6	6	48					1	16	64		80 00	395 00	6	Greenville, O.
Charles E. Miller	Trinity, Dayton	1	204	80		6	22	11	175	8	1	17	3	1	42	316	1	137 75	2,181 52	15	Dayton, O.
Supplied	West Baltimore	1	29		1				29	3									75 00		West Baltimore, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	Without Charge																				Miamisburg, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	Ed. Christ. World																				Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks	Ed. Christ. World																				Dayton, O.
Adam Hawker	Without Charge																				Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chapl. N. Mil. Home																				Nat. Mil. Home, O.
Total, 27		51	5,169	686	111	145	250	136	3,981	86	5	409	61	45	392	3,677	5	$23,342 06	$18,377 49	320	

*Gift of this amount to the bequest of Elder A. H. Bauchman to Heidelberg University.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	511	120	7	3	14	3	420	5		11	6	2	46	263		$350	$ 765	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D	Zion's	1	251		7	2	9	2	217	5		8	2	1	15	157	2	205	1,034	10	Delaware, O.
John A. Seitz	Stoutsville	3	228	126	11		3	5	155	1		1	3	2	32	135	1	249	781	7	Stoutsville, O.
Abram D. Wolfinger	Thornville	3	210	100	7	3	4	6	190	1			6	3	34	204	3	500	1,390	10	Thornville, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr, (1)	Winchester	1	219	33	1	2	3	5	178	8			8	1	17	183	1	325	950	8	Canal Winchester, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Lancaster	2	288	158	15	13	12	7	280	14	2		15	2	23	220	1	21	1,064	4	Lancaster, O.
E. Calvin Rust	Glenford	3	209	60	13	2		4	185	3			6	3	35	190		276	558	10	Somerset, O.
Samuel L. Runkel	Kinnickinnick	2	116	40	1	2	7	3	100	6		2	2	2	30	172		74	711	11	Hallsville, O.
Vacant	Zion	3	130	60	7		10			1				1	10	40				5	Canal Winchester, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Union Charge	4	236						147			20	6	4	38	140		124	35	10	Baltimore, O.
John H. Albright	Jerusalem Mission	3	113		4	1	4		100					3	20	120	1			5	Bremen, O.
James Heffley, sup	North Union	1	30	25					30					1	7	35					Canal Winchester, O.
Solomon W. Seeman	Columbus Mission																				Columbus, O.
[illegible]r D. Schory	Without Charge																				Lancaster, O.
Total, 12.		28	2541	728	73	28	64	35	2002	44	2	42	54	25	307	1859	9	$2,124	$7,288	90	

Dismissed to Miami Classis.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes of Synod.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman, D. D	Louisville	2	408	60	32	14	54	13	390	6	..	1	6	2	32	335	1	$196 00	$1,500 00	20	Louisville, O.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	272	25	3	11	21	19	255	13		8	1	1	19	293	2	385 00	1,554 00	15	Columbiana, O.
John M. Kendig	Canfield	4	367	63	4	15	25	11	284	3			5	3	31	293		149 00	1,450 00	22	Canfield, O.
John J. M. Gruber	New Lisbon	2	221	127	9	9	10	2	211	3	..	..	8	2	25	234		330 00	950 00	18	New Lisbon, O.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	171	55	5	2	5	1	136	4			3	2	26	175	1	34 00	428 00	18	Germano, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Carrollton	2	331	130	6	3	9	9	305	7	..	12	9	2	34	305		60 00	4,820 00	13	Carrollton, O.
Benjamin H. Roth	Springfield	2	265	80	12	4	15	7	249	8	..	..	1	2	26	270		182 00	625 00	11	Petersburg, O.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Mt. Olivet	2	340	95	16	7	10	2	280	7	..		2	2	22	286		316 00	1,775 00	16	North Lima, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Strasburg	4	240	56	4		1		192		..		5	4	20			14 00	540 00	12	Youngstown, O.
Albert Gonser	Robertsville	3	475	79	14	21	61	16	360	7	..	8	1	3	24	368		168 00	2,399 00	19	Robertsville, O.
William H. Shults	Warren	3	172	42	4	4	12	22	140	3	..	2	2	2	15	195		114 00	466 00	13	Leavittsburg, O.
Geo. W. Henning	Without Charge										..	..									Osnaburg, O.
Michael A. Miller	Without Charge																				Carrollton, O.
Francis A. Edmonds	Without Charge																				Harmony, Pa.
Total, 14.		27	3262	712	109	90	228	102	2802	61		31	43	25	274	2749	4	$1,948 00	$16,507 00	177	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

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Freeman Ware	Three Rivers	1	122	48	3	1	2	7	110	..		2	2	1	15	110		57 00	630 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
Freeman Ware, sup ..	Moore Park	1	35	12					25	1								16 00	53 00	2	Three Rivers, Mich.
William A. From	Bunkerhill	3	83		1	2	1	.	67		..		4	3	24	120		30 50	600 00	9	Pulaski, O.
	Winamac, (1) ...	3	71	39				..										...		4	Winamac, Ind.
William H. Mawherter	Neriah Mission ..	2	44		1	3	6		44		.			2	20	100		26 00	259 00	5	Morocco, Mich.
Henry S. Bailey ..	White Pigeon .	2	91								..			1	7	45		...	.	4	White Pigeon, Mich.
	St. Paul's Mission	2	101	50	5	1	4		88	17	..	16	2	2	20	105		48 00	275 00	5	Colon, Mich.
Allen K. Zartman	Grace Reformed Mis.	1	190	50	5	13	12	16	170	5		22	1	1	15	200	1	164 00	1,200 00	6	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman, sup	Salem	1	56	52	2	1		2	50					1	10	100		20 00	300 00	4	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Samuel Shaw	Marmont	5	221	161	28	9	15	20	180	4	..	35	4	5	56	398		99 00	1,969 00	23	Marmont, Ind.
	Plymouth Mission .	3	80	40	4				70	2		10	3	2	23	110		56 50	423 00	12	Plymouth, Ind.
Lewis B. Clayton	Union	2	108	44	3			7	100	5	..		3	2	23	120		53 00	500 00	9	Hudson, Ind.
	Denver Mission, (1)	3	160	47							..									6	Denver, Ind.
Henry S. Gekeler .	Zion's	2	166		4	14	7	13	129	4	..		3	2	40	333		83 00	1,155 00	7	Goshen, Ind.
..	Kentland Mission,(1)	2	45															...	.....	6	Brook, Ind.
Theodore J. Bacher ..	Nottawa .	1	23			3	6	17	23		..						..	.....	... .	5	Nottawa, Mich.
Daniel Kroh ...	Without Charge ..										..						..	..	.....		East Saginaw, Mich.
Elias Spangler ...	" "										..						..	.....	... ..		Edgerton, O.
Peter J. Spangler ..	" "										..							..	.....	.	Farmer, O.
John V. Potts	" "										..							.	...	.	North Robinson, O.
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 7, A. D. 1891, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and closed its sessions on the following Monday at noon.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to appointment at its last annual meeting, convened in convention in the Reformed Church at Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 7, A. D. 1891, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and in connection with devotional service was opened with a sermon by the retiring president, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., based on Mark 3: 14 and 15: "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sickness, and to cast out devils."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the president called the synod to order, and it was formally constituted with prayer by the stated clerk. Thereupon the provisional roll was called, and when completed a quorum was found present, and a regular organization was effected.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	William A. Hale, D. D.	Albert L. Shearer.
	Samuel B. Yockey.	
	Henry M. Herman, D. D.	
	Reuben F. Shultz.	James M. Wilson.
	Harvey L. Hart.	
	Richard B. Reichard.	Jonathan Wagner.

	[illegible]	Benjamin Meckley.
	[illegible]	John Siegfried.
	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	Horace Ankeney.
ART. I.	[illegible]	
ART. II	[illegible]	Victor P. Van Horne.
ART. II	[illegible]	
ART. I	[illegible]	
ART. V	[illegible]	
	[illegible] Ph. D. 2.	
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	[illegible]	George W. Clum.
	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	George S. Stein, M. D.
	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	John C. France.
	[illegible]n.	
	[illegible] D. D.	Samuel Muskopf. 2.
		Wellington Miller.
	[illegible]	John L. Metcalf.
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	[illegible]berger.	George Souder.
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	[illegible]ach.	Daniel Hollibaugh.
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	[illegible] D., LL.D.	
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	[illegible]shman, D. D.	Lewis Keller.
	[illegible] D. D. 3.	
	[illegible] Barber.	
	[illegible]gledine. 3.	Jacob Cornicon. 3.
	[illegible] Parks.	
	[illegible] Souder.	William A. Heyman.
	[illegible] Ernst.	
	[illegible] H. Zechiel. 2.	John Hahn. 2.

[illegible]day morning to Bellevue to attend the sessions of synod. [illegible] at the hotel he was prevented from so doing, and felt [illegible] the next morning. Yet, taking the intention for the act, [illegible] put his name on the roll, though he had not appeared in

	John I. Swander, D. D.	
	Frederick H. Keller.	Edward Reitz. 2.
	Charles W. Good.	Philip Riehm. 4.
Eastern Ohio.	John J. Leberman, D. D.	Henry R. Meizer.
	John M. Kendig.	Lewis W. Raver.
	John J. M. Gruber. 2.	
	Reuben Keller.	
	Benjaminn H. Roth.	
	Albert Gonser. 3.	
	William H. Shults.	
	George W. Henning.	
St. Joseph.	William H. Xanders.	Benj. Ashbaucher.
	Freeman Ware.	
	William A. From.	
	Henry S. Bailey.	Elias Ware.
	Allen K. Zartman. 3.	Daniel W. Souder.
	Samuel Shaw.	William H. Vankirk.
	Israel Rothenberger.	Granville M. White.
	Henry S. Gekeler.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Edward R. Eschbach, D. D., Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.
Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions.
Rev. Jairus P. Moore, Foreign Missionary, Sendai, Japan.
Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, General Missionary Superintendent.
Rev. Peter C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent St. Paul's Orphan Home.
Rev. Jesse Richards, N. C. Classis, Potomac Synod.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. D. L. Leonard, D. D., Congregational Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. James H. Steele, *Corresponding Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

The numbers attached to the names of delegates on the roll indicate the day when they appeared and took their seats.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first twelve rows of pews from the front.

The hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the present synod were as follows :

The Morning Sessions to open at nine and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at half-past four o'clock.

There was also a session on Saturday evening for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services.—Ministers—George H. Souder, Wm. H. Xanders, Frederick H. Keller; Elders William A. Heyman and Horace Ankeney.

SYNODICAL MINUTES:

Minutes of General Synod.—Ministers—George H. Leonard, Edward M. Beck, Richard B. Reichard; Elders George W. Clum and William H. Vankirk.

Minutes of Ohio Synod.—Ministers—Edwin R. Williard, Isaac A. Sites, John C. Schaaf; Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Irvin Yost.

Minutes of Classes—Minister—Samuel B. Yockey, Dr. Henry M. Herman, John M. Kendig; Elders Joseph Griesbaum and Daniel W. Souder.

Overtures.—Ministers—Dr. William A. Hale, Samuel Shaw, Benjamin H. Roth; Elders Lewis Keller and Elias Ware.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Ministers—Dr. Herman Rust, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, William H. Tussing; Elders James M. Wilson and Granville M. White.

State of Religion.—Ministers—Dr. John J. Leberman, John L. Bretz, James S. Keppel; Elders Lewis W. Raver and Benjamin Meckley.

Missions—Home and Foreign.—Ministers—John M. Kendig, William C. B. Shulenberger, B. Frank Davis; Elders Horace Ankeney and John L. Metcalf.

Heidelberg Theological Seminary.—Ministers—Dr. Edward Herbruck, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Samuel B. Yockey; Elders Dr. George S. Stein and Daniel W. Souder.

Heidelberg University.—Ministers—Edward D. Wettach, Dr. Henry M. Herman, William H. Shults; Elders John Siegfried and William A. Heyman.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation.—Ministers—Reuben Keller, Jacob P. Stahl, Reuben F. Shultz; Elders John C. France and Jonathan Wagner.

Publication.—Ministers—Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe, Henry S. Gekeler, John H. Albright; Elders George Souder and Henry R. Meizer.

Finance.—Ministers—Solomon W. Seeman, George E. Metger, John A. Ketrow; Elders Samuel Hollibaugh and Wellington Miller.

Nominations.—Ministers—James. H. Steele, Dr. L. H. Kefauver, George W. Henning; Elders Victor P. Van Horne and Benjamin Ashbaucher.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received and referred:

The following communications and documents were received and referred to the proper committees.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the General Board of Home Missions, of the Treasurer of the Board of the Ohio Synod, of the Board of Church Erection and of its treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

3. A report from the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was received through its secretary and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary and of its Boards of [illegible] and of Education, together with the reports of [illegible] and of its agent were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Seminary.

5. The annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University was received through the President of the Board and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University.

6. The annual report of the Board of [illegible] was received and referred to the Standing Committee on [illegible] and Catechisation.

7. The annual report of the Board of [illegible] was received and referred to the Standing Committee on [illegible]

8. The annual report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Sundry other communications and papers bearing on different subjects were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, which report see for particulars and action of synod thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of the synod throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following services:

Thursday evening 7.30.—A missionary service under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Synod.

Address of Welcome, ... Mrs. G. H. Souder.
Response, ... Mrs. S. O. Eggert.
Paper, "Woman's Work in the Church," . Mrs. Ellen M. Black.
Paper, "The Progress of Missionary Work," Mrs. J. H. Albright.
Paper, "The Duty of the Stay-at-Homes," Mrs. A. D. Freeman.
Paper, "Missionary Societies a Means of Development," Mrs. W. H. Shults.
Address by the *President*, ... Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Friday evening.—A service under the auspices of the Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.

Address, "The Duty of the Alumni to the Seminary," Rev. R. Keller.
Address, "How to get the People into Sympathy with the Seminary," Rev. S. B. Yockey.
Address, "The Importance of Increasing the Endowment of the Seminary," . . . . . Rev. A. K. Zartman.
Address, "How to Increase the Attendance at the Seminary," Rev. S. W. Seeman.
Address, "The Importance of Endowing an Alumni Professorship," Rev. A. H. Zechiel.

Saturday 2.30.—Preparatory service. Sermon, Rev. S. B. Yockey. Altar Service, Rev. A. D. Wolfinger.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday morning 10.45.—Communion service. Sermon Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D. Altar service, Rev. W. H. Xanders.

Sunday 3.00 p. m.—A service in the interests of Young People's Work.

Work of Y. P. S. C. E. be presented by Revs. E. D. Wettach, and R. F. Shultz; and the interests of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip by Elder Victor P. Van Horne and Rev. C. E. Miller.

Sunday evening.—A service in the interests of Foreign and Home Missions.

Foreign Missions.—Rev. J. P. Moore, Returned Missionary from Japan.

Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, Secretary Foreign Mission Board.

Home Missions.—Rev. D. S. Fouse, Superintendent of Missions. Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, Dr. G. S. Stein.

Congregational Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., evening by Rev. J. M. Kendig.

M. E. Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. S. W. Seeman, evening by Rev. R. F. Shultz.

Evangelical Association.—Sunday morning, Rev. G. H. Leonard, evening by Rev. J. P. Stahl.

Zion's Church, Fireside.—Sunday morning, Rev. H. Rust, D. D.

Hunt's Corners.—Sunday morning, Rev. F. Ware.

Baptist Church.—Sunday 2.30 P. M. Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D.

Lyme Congregational Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. J. Ihle, evening by Rev. N. A. Ernst.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. SOUDER, *Chairman.*

The religious and special services were severally observed as appointed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the minutes of the special meeting of the General Synod in 1891, and three copies of the Minutes of the Ohio Synod of 1890, were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the respective Standing Committees on Synodical Minutes.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the General Synod, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole:

Your committee report the following as claiming the attention of synod:

Item 1. Refers to the Articles of Federal Union as drafted and referred to the various classes. (Minutes 1891, page 17.)

Item 2. Refers to instruction given to the Stated Clerks of the classes.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows; Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and then the report was adopted as a whole.

In connection with the adoption of these two items, the following resolutions, having a bearing on the general subject of Federal Union were adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, adopted at its special meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., in June, 1891, having reference to a Federal Union in a Federal Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, be and hereby is approved by the Ohio Synod.

Resolved, That the attention of the several classes of the Ohio Synod is hereby directed to said action of the General Synod, requiring their approval or rejection of the proposed Constitution of a Federal Synod at their next annual meetings, or at special meetings called for the purpose, and that they instruct their respective stated clerks to transmit certified copies of the results obtained to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod. (See Minutes General Synod pp. 15 and 17.).

MINUTES OF OHIO SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the morning session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the last meeting of the Ohio Synod beg leave to submit the following report:

Item 1, page 11. The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod appointed to report at this meeting of synod.

Item 2, page 15. The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes appointed to report at this meeting of synod.

Item 3, page 35. The Board of Church Erection instructed as to the disposition of its funds.

Item 4, page 36. The Stated Clerk instructed to correspond with Rev. H. N. Cobb, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Item 5, page 36. The Treasurer of Synod authorized to pay the debt of the Synodical Mission Board.

Item 6, page 58. The attention of the Alumni of the Theological Seminary called to the propriety of forming an association to meet annually in the interests of the seminary.

Item 7, page 70. The matter of the Chancellorship of Heidelberg University referred to the Board of Regents for investigation and action.

Item 8, page 76. The Sunday-school Board requested to furnish services for Festivals and Children's Day.

Item 9, page 80. The Stated Clerk instructed as to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of Synod.

Item 10, page 82. Miami, Lancaster and St. Joseph Classes instructed to pay arrearages.

Item 11, page 84. Delegate elected to attend the annual meeting of the Central Synod in 1891.

Item 12, page 86. The Standing Committee on Temperance appointed to report at this meeting of Synod.

Item 13, page 89. The Stated Clerk instructed to communicate synodical action to certain railroad companies.

Item 14, page 58. The classes requested to adopt measures to increase amount for educational purposes.

Item 15, page 76. Children's Day collection recommended to be given to Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted; item 4 adopted and reported as attended to; item 5 adopted and treasurer reported as attended to; item 6 adopted and for report see Art. XIV. Heidelberg Theological Seminary; item 7 adopted, and for disposition of the matter see report of Board of Regents Heidelberg University; item 8 adopted, and for action thereon see report of Board of Sunday-schools; item 9 adopted and for report see Art. XXI., Publication; in item 10 see Treasurer's report Art. XXII., Finance; item 11 adopted and for result see report of delegate; item 12 adopted and for report see Art. XXIV.. Miscellaneous; item 13 adopted and reported attended to; items 14 and 15 laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reports, when taken up and adopted.

On motion, the following resolution requesting an early presentation of annual reports to synod was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Boards of Regents of Heidelberg University, of the Trustees and of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, of Sunday-schools, of Missions, of Church Erection, of Publication, and all Treasurers, be and hereby are instructed to have their annual reports prepared and ready to present them at the first morning session of synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod to report to the synod in 1892, as appointed, consists of Revs. Reuben Keller, George

H. Souder, Charles E. Miller; Elders Dr. George S. Stein and Benjamin Ashbaucher.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole:

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully report the following:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1, page 3. Miami Classis received the resignation of Rev. H. L. Hart before its tender to the charge.

Item 2, page 39. Lancaster Classis confers on a committee "plenary powers" to confirm a call.

Item 3. The Stated Clerks of Miami and Tiffin, do not attest that the minutes of the special meetings are official copies of original minutes.

Item 4. Miami, Tuscarawas and Tiffin Classes, do not record the reports of Standing Committees as separate documents, but record the actions of classis as a part of the report.

Item 5. Tiffin Classis does not report Sunday-school officers and teachers in its statistical report.

Item 6. Tiffin Classis does not record the hour of meeting for its next annual meeting.

II. SUBJECTS REFERRED FROM SYNOD TO CLASSES.

Item 7. Miami Classis acknowledges irregularities in previous minutes; adopts and approves synod's action relating to Home and Foreign Missions, Reformation Day, Children's Day and offering for Beneficiary Education, Sunday-school Conventions, Society for Relief of Ministers, all apportionments; and excused Rev. D. R. Taylor and Elder Scott, absent at final roll call of synod.

Item 8. Lancaster Classis approves and adopts actions of synod relating to Harbor Missions, Relief of Ministers, Sunday-school Conventions, apportionments, and arranges for delinquency reported by synod's treasurer.

Item 9. Tuscarawas Classis acknowledges irregularities in last minutes; adopts and approves synod's actions relating to Seminary Day, and collections for Beneficiary Education, but did not see its way clear to approve synod's action relating to Children's Day collections for that cause; approves the cause of Orphan's Homes, Relief of Ministers, Sunday-school Conventions, accepts all apportionments, commends Home and Foreign Missions, and takes favorable

action relating to American Sabbath Union, and approves synod's action relating to the *Christian World* and our Sunday-school publications. Takes no action relating to absence of Elder Bahl at final roll call of last synod.

Item 10. Tiffin Classis approves synod's action relating to the Society for Relief of Ministers, and accepts all apportionments. It does not acknowledge irregularities in last minutes.

Item 11. Eastern Ohio Classis approves action relating to the Society for Relief of Ministers, Home and Foreign Missions, Seminary Day, Orphan's Homes, Collections on Children's Day, Sunday-school Conventions, and accepts all apportionments.

Item 12. St. Joseph Classis acknowledges irregularity in previous minutes, approves and adopts synod's action relating to Home and Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Seminary Day, Orphan's Home, Society for Relief of Ministers, Sunday-school Conventions, Collections on Children's Day, and accepts all apportionments made by synod. Takes no notice of Rev. Mawherter's absence at final roll call.

Item 13. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern, Ohio and St. Joseph, all take favorable action in regard to the *Missionary Guardian*.

Item 14. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph Classes approve and adopt the new Reformed Church Hymnal; Tiffin Classis referred the book to a committee to report at the next annual meeting.

Item 15. Eastern Ohio Classis enters "a mild protest" against the general character of the binder's work on the "Hymnal."

III. REQUESTS OF CLASSES TO SYNOD.

Item 16. Eastern Ohio Classis requests synod to ratify the following action, viz: The election of Rev. A. Gonser as treasurer, and the dismission of Rev. I. S. Hahn to St. Joseph Classis when there was no quorum present.

IV. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

Item 17. Miami Classis received Rev. L. B. C. Lahr from Lancaster Classis and licentiate James S. Keppel from Tiffin Classis, and made provision for his ordination. Licensed Albert Klinger and made arrangements for his ordination, and dismissed Rev. J. E. Dingledine to Tiffin Classis.

Item 18. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. H. H. Sandoe from East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. I. S. Hahn from Eastern Ohio Classis, and Rev. I. Rothenberger from Tiffin Classis.

Item 19. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. J. D. Neff from Tiffin Classis, dismissed Rev. J. A. Novinger to Kansas Classis, received Rev. S. B. Mase from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and

Rev. E. D. Wettach from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. L. P. Gross to Heidelberg Classis; received Rev. G. E. Metger from Illinois Classis and dismissed Rev F. Mayer to Erie Classis; received Rev. J. H. Schreffler from the United Brethren Church, and Rev. E. R. Williard from Tiffin Classis; Rev. J. L. Bretz was dismissed to Lancaster Classis.

Item 20. Tiffin Classis dismissed licentiates James S. Keppel to Miami Classis, Albert Schoepp to Cincinnati Classis; dismissed I. Rothenberger to St. Joseph Classis; Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. J. T. Hale to Crawfordsville Presbytery, Indiana Synod, Presbyterian Church.

Item 21. Lancaster Classis received Rev. Gideon P. Fisher from Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. J. L. Bretz from Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 22. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed Rev. I. S. Hahn to St. Joseph Classis and suspended Rev. J. B. Zumpe.

V. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Item 23. Miami Classis will meet in Miamisburg, Ohio, First Reformed Church, second Thursday in May, 1892, at 8 P. M. Rev. S. B. Yockey, President; Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

Item 24. St. Joseph Classis will meet in Millersburg, Indiana, First Reformed Church, May 11, 1892, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. T. J. Bacher, President; Rev. F. Ware, Stated Clerk; Elder Benj. Ashbaucher, Treasurer.

Item 25. Tiffin Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Bloomville, Ohio, the third Thursday in May, 1892. Rev. D. A. Parks, President; Rev. A. H. Zechiel, Stated Clerk; Rev. I. A. Sites, Treasurer.

Item 26. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in St. Jacob's Reformed Church, Columbiana Co., Ohio, on Thursday before full moon in May, 1892, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. H. Shults, President; Rev. Geo. W. Henning, Stated Clerk; Rev. A. Gonser, Treasurer.

Item 27. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Polk, Ashland Co., Ohio, the first Tuesday in June, 1892, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. P. Stahl, President; Rev. E. D. Wettach, Stated Clerk; Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer.

Item 28. Lancaster Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Sugar Grove, Ohio, the first Thursday on or before full moon in May, 1892, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. John H. Albright, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk; Rev. John A. Seitz, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1 to 14 inclusive were adopted; item 15 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication; item 16 adopted, and on motion,

Resolved, That the synod hereby ratifies the action of the Eastern Ohio Classis in the case of Rev. A. Gonser and Rev. I. S. Hahn. Items 17 to 28 inclusive were adopted.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed to report on said minutes to synod at its next annual meeting, consists of Revs. James H. Steele, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Solomon W. Seeman; Elders Horace Ankeney and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the sessions on Friday, presented their report, which was received, and, having been considered item by item, was adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Overtures received the following papers which they beg leave to report to synod:

Item 1. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., accompanied with resolutions by the Pittsburg Synod, commending this Home to the church.

Item 2. A letter from Prof. T. H. Sonnedecker and Rev. J. H. Bomberger to this synod in the interest of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Item 3. A letter addressed to this synod by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions in the interests of the foreign work.

Item 4. A communication from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 5. A volume of college chapel sermons by the late Rev. John Williamson Nevin, D. D., LL.D., edited by Harry M. Kieffer, D. D., published by the Reformed Church Publication, Philadelphia, Pa.

Item 6. A communication from Rev. Rufus W. Miller, President of the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. Albert Klinger, pastor of the Pittsburg charge, Miami Classis, in which he asks to be excused from attending synod because of sickness in his family.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HALE, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 4 and 6 were adopted, and referred to special committees, and for reports see Art. XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 3 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; item 5 adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Publication; item 7 adopted and request to be excused granted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, during the morning session on Monday, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report, that no candidates have been referred to them, and hence they have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We have endeavored to read carefully the reports on the state of religion from the six classes constituting this synod and will give an outline of the state of the church as revealed in these reports. It is well understood, however, that it is an utter impossibility for any of these reports to make a full and complete statement of the existing spiritual state and condition of all the congregations within the bounds of a classis. We must depend therefore, upon the general statements and from these draw our conclusions. First of all it is gratifying and pleasing to listen to the strains of heartfelt thanksgiving with which all the reports open, giving praise to God for the unnumbered and undeserved blessings which he has bestowed upon the ministry and membership of the church. It is well, indeed, that even amidst trial and tribulation the servants of the Master and his faithful disciples are enabled to carry out the counsel and command of the Lord, "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." The health of the ministry generally has been good and only one from among our large number is reported as having passed from earth to eternity, to render an account of his stewardship. It is with a trembling hand and feeling of profound awe and silence that the report speaks of the departed brother because of the unspeakable sad circumstances under which the brother passed out of this life. And as a synod, looking upon him as a son and a father, we stand as Aaron and "hold our peace" and are reminded of the words of Christ to his apostles, "watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." While but one has fallen in the ranks of the ministry many of the officers and members have "entered into

rest." Among these were elders Baughman and Sharp, who so faithfully served the church and frequently represented their charges on the floor of classis and synod. The hand of Him "who doeth all things well" will sustain us in our loss, and permit that which they did to the Lord's glory to exercise its beneficent and blessed influence on those that still remain. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

The brethren generally have been active in the discharge of their various duties. The gospel has been earnestly preached; the catechising of the youth has been faithfully attended to and many from among the young were received and confirmed by the laying on of hands; the sacraments have been administered to large numbers and the flocks have been fed and led beside living waters to be refreshed; and the lambs so dear and precious to the Savior were "gathered in his arms and carried in his bosom." These labors, we are sure, were not in vain. Abundant evidences show that there has been progress and improvement in many directions as to the spiritual life of the membership and the outward growth and advancement in the various activities of the church.

Within the bounds of almost all the classes, new church buildings have been built or are in process of erection, while others have been remodeled and beautified to meet the present needs of the congregations. The church evidently has been under the guidance of the Holy Ghost in the extension of her interests. The Master has fulfilled his promise, "Lo! I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

It is a matter for devout thanksgiving that all the missions within the bounds of this synod, now under the control and fostering care of General Synod's Board of Missions, are in a prosperous condition, growing rapidly in membership and moving forward toward self-support. A number of these missions have erected neat and substantial chapels, while others have purchased lots and are actively engaged in gathering funds to build suitable houses of worship in the near future. The report of the superintendent, Rev. D. S. Fouse, speaks most encouraging of the work except in one particular. The apportionments of the several classes have not been met. This holds true in regard to apportionments for other objects also. A number of classes call attention to this fact, while they give no particular reason for such a sad and lamentable condition of affairs. While the amount contributed to benevolent objects is larger than in former years, this is to be accounted for, not that the congregations have paid more to the regular apportionment of synod, but that individuals have given in private and for a particular object, large sums. It is an imperative necessity that this synod do better in the future. Delinquent charges, congregations and members ought to be brought to a sense of their duty. While we are not willing, nor is it our prov-

ince, to be judges of our brethren, we would, however express our deep conviction that the sin as well as the blame can not be placed on the membership of the church so much as upon faithless and negligent pastors. Too many of the ministers fail to give opportunity, not to say fail in a proper way to present the necessity and duty, for members to meet the apportionments of synod and classes. By reason of this neglect all of our benevolent operations of the church suffer severe and dire harm, and the church does not "grow in this grace also" as required by the apostle.

The Woman's Missionary Society of this synod has done excellent work. The classes are now all organized and there is reason for great rejoicing that the women of the Reformed Church are doing so much in helping on the work of the Lord at home and in foreign lands.

The work of the Sunday-school has been satisfactory. The conventions held in its interests were largely attended by delegates from the congregations, and the enthusiasm in the discussion of topics relating to the Sunday-school work was marked. The children are trained for work in the church and materially assist her in the benevolent enterprises which she has undertaken and become faithful witnesses for Christ. How pleasing this is to the Lord, his own words testify; "out of the mouths of babes and sucklings the Lord has perfected praise." Societies of Christian Endeavor and Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip have been organized in a number of the churches within the bounds of synod. It is hoped that these will meet a felt want among the ministry, that of interesting and getting the young members of the church to work for Christ and the church.

The institutions of learning under the control and support of this synod are in a flourishing condition. The University at Tiffin, Ohio, has had during the last year a larger number of students than ever before in its history. The faculty is composed of earnest and faithful Christian men. Under their care our sons and daughters are receiving not only a knowledge of the sciences and the arts, but are pointed to Him who is the embodiment of all truth—*is The Truth*—and without a knowledge of Him no one is thoroughly and completely fitted for life's solemn and stern duties and realities.

The Theological Seminary, our School of the Prophets, while not having an unprecedented number of students, has yet prepared an encouraging number of young men for the ministry during the past year. This institution needs to be more fully endowed and more liberally supported in order that it may do the work now required by the growing interests of the Ohio Synod. "The harvest is great but few are the laborers, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his vineyard." Brethren, let there be earnest prayer for this institution, and with that prayer let there be liberal and worthy things devised, that the work of the Lord be more thoroughly done. It would be pleasing to God and an honor to our

synod if we could furnish means for more extensive and more thorough work in the training of young men for the gospel ministry. The time is here when the seminary must have its own building suited to its own peculiar sphere; and when additional teaching force must be added to our already burdened and over-worked professors of the seminary.

While we have many reasons, on the one hand, for congratulation and rejoicing at the evident progress and success of our work, on the other hand, there is great need for humiliation and shame at the neglect of so much which might and could have been done in honor and for the sake of Christ. While we profess to have consecrated ourselves in body and soul and spirit to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, our languid and feeble efforts in the promulgation of his gospel and kingdom, testify against us as unfaithful stewards who at the day of his coming may be forced to say, "What shall we do? We cannot dig; to beg we are ashamed."

Let us here and now repent of our past neglects and failures, and consecrate ourselves anew both in body and soul, in property and life to his most blessed service with the full determination, by the grace and help of God, to make full proof of our ministry in "more and better work for Christ and his church" seeking "not to be ministered unto but to minister" and thus be what all workers in the church must be: "Laborers together with God." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all," and, "unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen." Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports and papers on the subject of missions were received, duly considered and also adopted:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of General Board of Home Missions.

To the Synod of Ohio:

BRETHREN:—We hereby submit to you for your consideration the report of the operations of the General Board of Missions during the past synodical year. In making this report, we must not be forgetful of the mercy and goodness of the Great Head of the Church in vouchsafing unto us such signal success in the work committed to our care.

Not unto us belongs the honor, but to Him who is "Head over all to the Church." By his grace and help, the efforts of the board have been successful; and foundations have been laid, we trust, for more important work in the future. While very substantial progress has been made, we do not, however, claim that as much has been done as might have been, and certainly not as much as should have been. It is difficult at times to use to the best advantage even the limited resources at hand. It requires time and experience on the part of the board to see just what is best to be done under the different circumstances as they present themselves. The board only claims that it has endeavored to do the very best in its judgment, after duly considering each and every case as it came before it. That mistakes have been made, we doubt not, but these were, perhaps, as few in number as could be expected. While the board did the very best it could for the extension of the borders of the church, due credit must be given to the zealous and faithful corps of missionaries under its care. These brethren did good work during the year past. The missions have grown in membership, as the statistical table shows. The additions to the missions have been larger, on an average, than to the older charges. The benevolence of the missions has been commendable, averaging, as can be seen, much higher than that of the church in general. This is one of the favorable features of the mission work, since the benevolence of the church has not been brought out, hitherto, as fully as it should have been. Quite a number of the missions have been engaged, during the year, in the erection of chapels and churches, and in this way they have been placed on a more permanent basis. Several are now making arrangements to erect, during the coming year, the main church buildings to their chapels, and, when this is done, we may rightfully expect that they will soon become self-sustaining. Not a few of the missions have erected parsonages during the year, and others are now engaged in this good work.

In our last report, mention was made that the mission at Redfield, South Dakota, would probably have to be abandoned. This was done at the meeting of the Executive Committee last October. The reasons for this step were, that the membership was continually becoming less, and, the pastor resigning, it was not deemed advisable to spend any more funds on that point when so many other and more hopeful points were calling for help.

At the present time, all the missions are supplied with pastors. The missions at Ada, Ohio, and Sharpsville, Pa., are, however, supplied only by Theological students, but it is expected that these young men will become the permanent pastors of the fields they are now serving.

In a general way, it may be confidently stated that the mission work has been moving along successfully. There are several missions

that should be so reconstructed by the classes to which they belong as to make them self-supporting, as there is no likelihood that they can become such in a reasonable time as now constituted. Many of the newly formed missions are exceedingly prosperous, even beyond what might have been expected.

BECAME SELF-SUPPORTING.

Three missions became self-supporting since our last report. The mission at Colon, Mich., became such by being consolidated with an adjacent field. On April 1, 1891, the mission at Linfield, Pa., gave notice to the board that henceforth it would provide its own salary; and on July 1, 1891, the mission at New Basil, Kansas, gave notice of a similar character.

NEW MISSIONS.

In our last report, we mentioned the fact that steps had been taken to establish missions at Franklinville, Pa., Cumberland, Md., and North Akron, Ohio. These have since been fully established, going into effect October 1, 1890. New fields have since been taken up as follows: Fairview, Kansas; Sharpsville, Turtle Creek, and Scranton, Pa.; St. Joseph, Mo., and Barberton, Ohio. The latter two will go into effect on October 1, 1891. The mission at Scranton, Pa., will be supported entirely by the Wyoming Classis, so that it will not be an additional burden upon the board. It went into effect August 1, with Rev. A. S. Bromer as missionary. Earnest efforts will be made to secure missionaries for Barberton and St. Joseph by the first of October. These latter points are regarded as very important and should be fully established as quickly as possible.

URGENT CALLS.

Urgent calls for help are pouring in upon the board from every direction. Many of these calls must go unanswered. In establishing missions the policy of the board is to go into the cities and such smaller towns as give evidence of permanent growth. The country points should not be neglected, but is felt that under present circumstances the cities and larger towns are the most available points for the establishment of successful missions. The city missions cost the most at first, but they pay best in the end. From the larger cities comes the call for the establishment of the church, and it is often with sorrow that the board is compelled to turn a deaf ear to these calls. Quite a number of the cities have been taken up but many others remain in which work should be commenced at once. Among the latter we may especially mention Youngstown, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind., and Buffalo, N. Y. May we not hope that the church will speedily provide the means so that the above mentioned, as well as many other, cities may be occupied?

THE INCOME OF THE BOARD.

Treasurer Santee furnished us with data as regards the income of the board. His report includes the entire income for missions proper from May 20, 1890, to May 20, 1891, and therefore not up to date, but sufficiently so to give the necessary information on this point. It is as follows:

Amount on hand May 20, 1890	$ 2,808 82
Receipts for the year	11,662 13
	$14,470 95

Included in the $11,662.13 received during the year are $441.63 for Harbor Missions and $375.99 for Hungarian Missions. The sum on hand May 20, 1891, was much less than that on hand May 20, 1890. The amount available for all purposes from September 1, 1890, to September 1, 1891, was about $13,000. If, however, the apportionments had been paid in full and the Hungarian and Harbor Missions had been sustained by the church as was expected, the amount would have been about $15,500. Here is a deficiency which has been an embarrassment to the board, and the synod, if possible, should make some provision by which the board might know exactly, or at least nearly so, the amount available for use. At no time did the board make appropriations exceeding the amount promised by the synods, but when the amount actually paid in, falls so very much short of the amount promised, the board is at a loss to know just what to do.

HUNGARIAN AND HARBOR MISSIONS.

These missions belong to the entire church and should not perhaps appear here. But the truth compels us to say that these missions have greatly embarrassed the board. For the former no apportionments were made until this spring. But the strong appeals made by the board brought in from the entire church the paltry sum of only $375.99 for this cause. For the Harbor Mission the money is assessed by General Synod upon the District Synods according to membership. Several of the synods failed to pay the amount in full apportioned for this mission, hence there was a deficiency for the triennial term. During the last year only $441.53 was received for this purpose. Under this state of affairs it was a question what to do. These missionaries must be paid or the missions abandoned. The board paid them and at the present writing these two missions owe the board fully $1,100. This has had the effect of creating a deficiency which has been a worriment to the Board. It is hoped that when the assessments for the present year come in, these deficiencies will be made up. If not, then the board will not be justified in any longer using funds contributed for other missions to sustain these. The board would here make a special request, viz., that each synod make an apportionment of a specified sum for the Hungarian work, and that

this apportionment be separate and distinct from the other missionary apportionments and to be designated for the Hungarian work when paid by the pastors to the Treasurers of Classis. If this is complied with, the board will know just what amounts are intended for that special work, and only funds contributed for that purpose will be so used. It is certainly not right to use funds for this special work, which have been contributed for the regular missions of the board.

CHURCH EXTENSION WORK.

This department of the work has received considerable attention during the year. One year ago the board had no fund of this kind unless the money borrowed for the Cleveland lot might have been so considered. That was, however, a debt, nothing more. By consulting the treasurer's report it will be seen that quite an encouraging start has been made in the accumulation of a Church Extension Fund. Let us as a church determine that this fund shall be greatly increased. The board has learned by experience that the mission work of today can not be carried forward successfully without such a fund. In small country towns, where lots have a merely nominal value, work can be done without such a fund, but not so in large cities where lots cost from $2,000 to $8,000, and even far beyond these figures. Unless provision can be made by which lots can be purchased, we might almost as well not go into the large cities. The board must have such a fund and a large one too. With it work in the larger towns and cities becomes comparatively easy. May we not hope that the synods will devise liberal things for the creation of a large Church Extension Fund. All funds outside of the apportionments, given for Church Extension, will be put into $500 funds, to bear the name of the person, classis or synod contributing them. We are glad to announce to the synods that during the past year four such funds have been raised by special effort. These funds came from the Miami and Eastern Ohio Classes of the Ohio Synod, and the Somerset Classis of Pittsburgh Synod, and from the latter synod in a general way toward a fund to bear the name of the synod. While writing this report we received word from Treasurer Santee that a pastor in Pennsylvania had contributed $500 for a fund to be known as "A Pastor's Offering" Church Extension Fund. For this we feel profoundly thankful. It comes to the board at an opportune time. This makes nearly five special funds during the past year. This is a very encouraging beginning of the work. We would here urge upon the pastors to present this cause to their people in such a way that men of wealth may be induced to give to this object. Are there not a number of persons in the synods who could give $500 each? Are there not those who would if they were properly urged to do so?

The following is the report of Treasurer Boush:

1891.		DR.	
Jan.	7.	Received of S. C. Remsburg, Treasurer of Church Extension Board, Pittsburgh Synod	$ 204 00
Jan.	7.	Proceeds of sale of church property east end Pittsburgh, Pa	3,156 00
Feb.	13.	From Rev. D. S. Fouse, Superintendent, (Collections)	16 80
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Mar.	30.	J. K. Funk, Treasurer Lebanon Classis	50 00
May	20.	Miami and Eastern Ohio Classes, per D. S. Fouse	1,000 00
May	20.	R. F. Alspach, Emanuel's Mission, Upper Sandusky, O	15 00
June	24.	C. M. Boush, Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod	300 00
July	7.	From Somerset Classis, per Rev. D. S. Fouse	600 00
		Total	$5,394 30

1891.		CR.	
Feb.	1.	To Rev. E. S. Hassler, for Braddock Church	$ 200 00
Feb.	10.	To debt of Braddock Church	656 00
Feb.	10.	To taxes for 1890 on Cleveland lot	16 80
Feb.	13.	To semi-annual interest on B. Wolff, Jr. loan	52 50
Feb.	20.	To J. Auracher note for Cleveland loan	1,000 00
May	26.	To Rev. J. H. Prugh, for lot in Allegheny	2,500 00
June	27.	To E. D. Wingenroth for lot in Nadine Park	300 00
June	27.	For recording deed	2 25
July	7.	To Rev. D. S. Fouse, superintendent for Cumberland lot	600 00
July	7.	In treasury	66 75
		Total	$5,394 30

This brings the report down to July 7, 1891, the time of the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

INDEBTEDNESS.

At the time of last year's report the board owed $3,500 on the Cleveland lot. Of this sum $1,000 has been paid, as also all the interest on the loan. During the year it was found necessary to borrow $600 which, added to the $600 collected by the superintendent in Somerset Classis, makes $1,200 now ready for the purchase of a lot in Cumberland. The actual indebtedness at the time this report was made was $3,100. This is for Church Extension alone. Arrangements have also been made by which the board is to effect a loan of $500 with which to make the first payment on the lot for the mission in Lincoln, Neb. This was found absolutely necessary in order to the success of the mission. There is also a deficiency of about $1,000 in the mission fund, caused by the board carrying the Hungarian and Harbor Missions. But this can hardly be called a debt, as it is confidently expected that the funds contributed for these missions in the near future will be sufficient to reimburse the board for this outlay. Still it has the same effect as an indebtedness and is calculated to embarrass the board in its operations, very much. The church at large must see that this money is repaid to the Board, as these funds belong to the missions of the synods now under the board, while these two special missions are to be sustained by the entire church.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

The board received from the Bi-Synodic Board during the year the sum of $1,000 in quarterly payments. Not less than $320 was received from the Synod of the Interior to help the board sustain the mission within the bounds of that synod. About $200 were received from individuals and congregations in the Eastern and Potomac Synods outside of the Philadelphia Classis, and about $2,300 from the Pittsburgh and Ohio Synods and the Philadelphia Classis. All these sums are included in the 570 5's which were received during the year. Of the $2,850 so received, $1,700 were used for Church Extension. These special funds were in addition to the apportionments, and were a source of great help to the board. We have now received in all 750 5's. Had it not been for this special fund the board would find itself in debt to the missionaries, but with it they have received their salaries regularly, while the Church Extension fund has been very materially increased. It is the aim of the board to raise the 1,000 5's within two years from the time the movement was started, and from present indications we believe it will be accomplished. We would urge upon the synods to help forward this fund, as we must have additional moneys to make up for delinquent apportionments, which during the past year were very large.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Aside from the Hungarian and Harbor Missions, the fields now under the care of the board will require for the ensuing year the sum of $14,500. This is the sum actually required, and if the income is less than that sum there will be a deficit to just the amount less. The income from the apportionments fell far below that amount during the past year, but let us hope that such will not be the case during the ensuing synodical year.

We ask therefore,

1. That the following apportionments be made for missions exclusive of the Hungarian work.

Synod of Ohio	$7,500
Synod of Pittsburgh	4,500
Philadelphia Classis	2,000
Wyoming Classis	1,000
	$15,000

It will be noticed that the sums asked for are the same as last year. We ask for no more than last year although the membership of the synods must have increased. We request this with the hope that it may be fully raised, and we cannot too strongly urge upon the synods to see that the board may receive these amounts.

2. The two Hungarian Missionaries will be an expense to our board of not less than $1,800, and we ask the two synods and two

classes under our board to apportion such sums as they may deem their full share for this work, making a liberal allowance for delinquencies. The board further requests that the apportionment for this work be kept separate and distinct from the other apportionments and paid in to the Treasurer of the Board for this special work.

3. The board requests that the synods and classes make an apportionment of ten cents per member for Church Extension. This has become an absolute necessity under the present form of the mission work in our church. We are now, as never before, entering the large cities and this fund is only second in importance to the regular missionary fund. This apportionment may seem large, but to meet the urgent needs of the board it should be much larger. We have strong faith in the willingness of the people to pay this sum if they are made to fully understand the needs of the church along this line.

A SPECIAL REQUEST.

Since the board has taken up the work with considerable zeal and success, there is a disposition on the part of the classes, at times, to divide old charges and recommend them to the board for assistance or to recommend charges for help that have been looked upon for years as self-supporting. For the board to give aid to such fields is calculated to injure its operations since the church at large does not regard the giving of such help as the legitimate work of the board. The board at the present time carries several missions of this kind on its list and we are sure that these have not recommended the board to the sympathy of the church at large. The board, therefore, makes the special request that hereafter no such fields be recommended for mission aid. The further request is made that, wherever possible, missions now under the board be consolidated with adjacent fields so as to make them self-supporting. The board makes this request through the synods as it only reports to these bodies.

MISSION SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Two Sunday-schools have been organized in Philadelphia, and placed under the care of the board. These are mission schools. They are "Messiah," belonging to the First Church, Rev. Sechler, pastor; and "Calvary" under the care of Heidelberg congregation, Rev. Zartman, pastor. These are now under the care of the board without any financial help and in the future will become organized missions. No statistics have been furnished us.

THE STATISTICAL TABLE.

As a part of this report we furnish a statistical table of the missions. This gives a very fair exhibit of the year's work. It will be seen that

most of the missions made commendable progress. In many instances the additions have been quite large. You will notice also the self-helpful character of the missions. They need the help of the church but they propose at the same time to help themselves as much as possible. It will be noticed also that the appropriations were considerably reduced on April 1st. The policy of the board is that the Missions must increase the amount of salary they pay, as rapidly as possible and so relieve the board correspondingly. The intention is not to reduce the salary of the missionaries, but to make the missions more self-reliant and cause them to look forward to speedy self-support.

Hoping that the work of the board during the year past may have met the expectations of the synods, and that liberal things may be devised by the synods for the grander work of the future, we

Most respectfully submit this report.

DEWALT S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

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2. Report on Hungarian Mission Work.

To the Synod of Ohio.

We have been instructed by the Board of Missions of General Synod to present to your honorable body the matter of the Hungarian Mission work of our church, which has been so auspiciously inaugurated by the board. At the meeting of General Synod, at Lebanon, Pa., the board was instructed to procure a number of missionaries from Hungary, to labor among their countrymen in this country. The board at its meeting following the General Synod made arrangments and called the first missionary in the person of Rev. Gustavus Jurany. He was stationed at Cleveland. It was soon felt that an additional man should be called. The call was made and John Kovacs arrived in this country in July last. He was stationed at Pittsburgh, and is to do work among his countrymen in and about Pittsburgh, and also in the coke regions of western Pennsylvania. Bro. Jurany organized two congregations, one in Cleveland, and the other at Ashtabula. Rev. Kovacs has already organized two congregations, one in Pittsburgh, and the other in Beaver Falls. He will soon organize the third in McKeesport. These men are doing a splendid work. There is an open door before our church for the accomplishment of a great work. The board would urge upon your body to take such action as will bring this work prominently before the membership of the synod. The sum of $1,800 is needed to sustain these missionaries. Funds are needed at once. The request is made

that the Ohio Synod make an apportionment of a sum that shall be its full share of the $1,800, making due allowance for any delinquencies. But in the ordinary way, the amount apportioned will not reach the board until a year from now.

The request is therefore made, that the stated clerk of synod send down to each classis the amount said classis is to pay of the sum apportioned, with the request that the stated clerks of classes make the apportionment upon the charges. This request is made in order that the board may as soon as possible get funds for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWALT S. FOUSE, *Missionary Superintendent.*

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3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from October 2, 1890, to October 1, 1891.*

DR.

Miami Classis, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D	$1,824 30	
Tuscarawas Classis, Mr. E. K. Kremer	1.275 00	
Lancaster C assis, Rev. J. A. Seitz	748 91	
Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. A. Gonser	704 66	
Tiffin C assis, Rev. I. A. Sites	602 20	
St. Joseph Classis, Mr. Benj. Ashbacher	565 13	
Miscellaneous	10 21	
From Treasurer of Ohio Synod	400 00	
		$5,630 41

CR.

Mr. Charles Santee, Treasurer Gen. Synod Board	$5,161 31	
Rev. D. S. Fouse, Supt. of Missions	35 50	
Balance due Treasurer	4 30	
Traveling expenses of Treasurer	6 00	
Postage, exchange, &c	10 55	
Ba'ance on hand	12 75	
Received on debt of board, per Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D	400 00	
		$5,630 41

The treasurer has in his hands a note of $150, from Mrs. Magdalena Bates of Franklin Square, Columbiana County Ohio, also one from Rev. Jonas Michael, Winamac, Ind., for $500 payable at the death of his wife. These notes should be transferred to the Board of the General Synod by action of this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN. J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

TICAL TABLE, YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1891.

Total.	Contributions for Congregational Purposes.			For Benevolence.				Amount Paid to Mission.	Church Papers Taken.	Sunday-Schools.					Missionary Societies.		Church Buildings.		Parsonage.		How Much Did the Board Pay Last Year?	How Much the Missions Pay This Year.	What the Board Pays This Year.
	Pastor's Salary.	Other Purposes.	Total.	By Sunday-Schools.	Missionary Society.	Congregation.	Total.			Number of.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Number of.	Members.	Number of.	Value.	Indebtedness.	Number of.	Value.			
2	200	2143	2343	10	. .	24	34	5	1	1	2	6	40	48	.	. .	1	4000	1200	.	. .	600	200	600
.	90	72	162	10	. .	28	38	18	6	1	5	11	130	146	1	38	1	2500		.	. .	500	200	505
11	300	623	923	42	. .	74	116	18	9	2	8	11	97	116	1	23	2	5800	300	1	800	300	375	220
5	200	1500	1700	11	. .	51	62	26	44	1	6	8	75	89	.	. .	1	6000	1200	1	3000	700	200	600
10	200	300	500	.	.	7	7	7	8	.	.	6	.	. .	.	. .	1	11000	. .	.	. .	500	500	250
10	250	410	660	10	.	65	75	35	12	1	4	.	55	65	1	15	1	8000	1200	.	. .	450	300	400
23	500	270	770	80	25	10	135	62	15	2	5	8	185	208	2	55	3	4000	105	1	2000	150	500	100
.	400	50	450	. .		8	8		15	1	4	8	127	139	.	. .	2	6500	. .	.	.	200	400	200
3	360	458	818	14	5	49	68	20	1	1	6	10	95	111	1	24	1	1500	. .	1	2500	. .	300	400
14	659	431	1090	26	22	93	141	121	23	1	7	12	93	112	1	38	1	3000	. .	.	.	250	800	150
7	213	100	313	. .	.	10	10	10	20	2	11	13	160	184	2	41	3	5300	. .	1	600	175	500	175
1	100	2400	2500	5	.	8	13	13	15	1	8	13	200	221	1	25	1	4500		.	. .	800	200	750
14	300	402	702	10	. .	10	20	12	7	1	4	11	65	80	.	. .	.	. . .	. .	.	. .	900	300	850
2	. .	394	394	98	128	70	296	70	10	2	6	17	210	233	1	20	.	. . .	. .	.	. .	1000	150	850
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5	630	1217	1847	66	40	15	121	65	20	1	5	15	200	220	1	90	1	3000	. .	1	2000	350	650	300
7	280	170	450	10	8	57	75	30	22	1	5	12	95	113	1	30	1	5000	. .	.	. .	450	280	400
.	200	250	450	10	38	34	82	47	6	1	6	18	200	224	1	35	1	10000		.	. .	200	250	150
11	350	233	583	3	15	17	35	5	10	2	8	9	130	147	1	26	3	2500	. .	1	1000	100	350	75
1	400	127	527	5	. .	36	41	20	10	3	14	23	180	217	.	. .	2	3000	. .	.	. .	100	400	75
5	275	92	367	8	17	22	47	24	11	2	12	11	72	95	1	12	3	7500	1000	.	. .	400	300	400
1	300	300	600	. .		80	80	47	13	1	8	12	100	120	.	. .	2	3000		.	. .	150	300	100
3	400	100	500	5	20	8	33	20	15	3	8	16	112	136	1	20	2	2000	. .	1	1200	275	400	275
8	400	168	568	138	21	.	159	72	10	3	16	18	190	224	1	38	3	6000	. .	.	. .	200	400	150
4	120	25	145	9	. .	50	59	40	10	1	4	5	60	69	.		2	3000	. .	.	. .	250	350	250
4	200	15	215	20	75	44	139	70	12	2	12	14	120	146	1	38	.	. . .	. .	.	. .	150	200	125
4	550	100	650	. .	. .	95	95	95	25	2	6	12	90	108	1	14	1	5000	. .	1	1000	150	500	100
.	300	123	423	. .	. .	30	30	15	10	1	2	5	30	37	1	11	.	. . .	. .	.	. .	1000	300	800
9	383	236	619	26	. .	10	36	31	11	2	11	13	120	144	1	15	1	2500	137	.	.	500	360	400
1	400	30	430	. .	. .	35	35	20	39	1	15	15	120	150	.	. .	1	800	. .	1	700	100	400	75
8	300	143	443	. .	. .	20	20	20	39	1	2	6	65	73	.	. .	1	800	. .	.	. .	100	350	75
.	260	75	335	. .	.	23	23	23	7	1	4	6	104	120	1	10	1	3300	. .	1	1250	300	300	300
.	436	552	988	169	. .	.	169	. .	.	1	8	13	280	301	1	115	1	5000	3900	.	. .	550	500	475
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1	500	41	541	20	17	.	37	37	10	1	9	10	200	219	1	13	1	2000	. .	.	. .	50	500	. .
6	427	829	1254	17	20	39	76	55	15	1	5	14	215	234	1	24	1	5000	500	.	3500	300	400	400
1	416	289	705	8	20	.	28	15	.	1	6	6	92	104		. .	.	. . .	. .	.	. .	300	427	250
6	808	147	955	83	. .	64	147	110	18	1	8	16	270	295	.	. .	1	4000	. .	.	. .	200	850	250
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MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.					
			Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Adults.	Infants.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Reprofession.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissals
Braddock	S. C. Long	1	29	26	.	5	.	.	.	.	2	.
Cumberland	E. E. Weller	2	85	59	2	4	7	4	.	11	.	.
Du Bois	R. E. Crum	2	100	98	.	9	.	7	.	7	1	.
Jeanette	N. H. Skyles	1	108	65	.	14	17	12	.	29	3	2
Johnstown	W. A. Bates	1	150	90	.	11	.	15	.	15	2	5
McKeesport	H. D. Darbaker	1	92	50	2	11	5	16	.	21	2	8
Scottdale	J. H. Mickley	3	112	65	3	6	10	3	1	14	2	1
Sharpsville	U. O. H. Kershner	2	130	148	1	21	1	14	.	15	.	.
Turtle Creek	E. S. Hassler	1	77	62	1	6	4	7	1	12	1	2
Wilkinsburg	J. S. Freeman	1	128	78	1	10	9	12	2	23	5	5
Ada	Licent. Thomas	3	147	60	2	4	2	5	.	7	3	3
Akron (North)	E. D. Wettach	1	130	76	16	20	30	19	10	59	1	.
Cleveland	W. R. Stearly	1	66	10	.	4	6	12	5	23	.	3
Columbus	S. W. Seeman	1	97	50	7	7	11	75	13	99	1	1
Barberton*	W. H. Tussing	1	25	10	1	1	.	25	.	25	1	.
Ft. Wayne	A. K. Zartman	1	217	60	20	9	40	8	13	71	2	1
Greenville	W. E. Ludwick	1	75	23	7	2	12	7	5	24	2	3
Hamilton	G. Z. Mechling	1	105	32	6	9	9	1	.	10	.	.
Jerusalem and Mt. Zwingli	J. H. Albright	3	123	50	8	4	17	4	9	30	3	5
Liberty Center	J. J. Excell	3	99	20	3	10	5	2	6	13	1	.
Lima	N. A. Ernst	3	70	11	2	1	3	2	.	5	.	1
Paulding	J. W. Barber	4	137	77	1	10	5	7	1	13	.	.
Plymouth	I. Rothenberger	3	86	30	2	2	9	9	2	20	1	2
Warren	W. H. Shults	3	180	45	6	10	14	2	15	31	6	2
Altamont, Ill	J. W. Alspach	2	78	46	1	3	1	.	.	.	1	1
Damascus, Ill	J. Sechler	2	58	39	2	5	2	2	.	4	1	.
Hiawatha, Kan	J. A. Novinger	2	120	91	1	12	7	1	11	19	.	4
Lincoln, Neb	T. F. Stauffer	1	32	10	.	.	.	.	10	10	.	.
Lyons, Kan	A. Casselman	3	83	50	2	1	12	5	5	22	1	4
New Basil, Kan	A. Bolliger	1	102	95	.	9	18	.	.	18	.	1
Wathena, Kan	J. G. Martin	1	97	50	1	10	14	.	.	14	4	3
Fairview, Kan	G. W. Remagen	1	43	13	2	.	2	3	.	5	1	.
Bethel	W. Delaney	1	109	25	3	22	7	5	7	19	.	.
Franklinville	U. O. Silvius	1	33	45	.	3	.	33	.	33	1	.
Linfield	J. A. Mertz	1	86	25	3	2	3	2	.	5	1	.
Phoenixville	F. C. Yost	1	139	25	12	7	11	6	14	31	4	.
Prospectville	A. H. Hibshman	1	63	10	30	2	32	4	2	38	.	.
Trinity	J. B. Henry	1	193	51	10	10	20	4	1	42	6	.
Scranton‡	A. S. Bromer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
St. Joseph, Mo.*	H. S. Gekeler	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hungarian. Cleveland, O.	G. Jurany	2	120	.	.	4	.	108	12	120	.	.
Hungarian. Pittsburgh, Pa.	John Kovacs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Harbor Mission, N. Y.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

*To go into effect October 1, 1891. ‡ Not fully organized yet.

4. Report of Board of Church Erection.

ır Board of Church Erection would respectfully submit this, nual report:

ɔ meetings were held during the year; one at the close of the ng of Synod at Bluffton, Indiana, for organization, a second at ɔallville, Ohio, during the winter. The members of the board ɜome of the neighboring ministers were present at their own ɪse. A program with subjects bearing upon Church Erection was rendered. The work was limited like in past years by limit nds. It is with some satisfaction, however, that we report the ong standing debt to be giving way. The old college note is nly gone, but in fact only one note remains, that of $1,000 and we $665,04 and that bearing interest. Had the amounts apportion- ɜen fully paid, the last and only note could have been paid when January 15, 1892. It is suggested by the board that synod e that,

Tuscarawas Classis has paid	$215 27
Miami Classis	149 58
Lancaster Classis	90 68
Tiffin Classis	67 16
Eastern Ohio Classis	62 27
St. Joseph Classis	00 00
Eastern Ohio Classis	16 42
	$601 38

ıe experience of Ohio Synod during the past year proves the tion and importance of Christian Endeavor work. In establish- the interesting mission of Cleveland, they looked to the Board of rch Erection. No help could be given, and in order to go forward ı the work the superintendent of missions canvassed the fields ı encouraging results, showing that there is a willingness on the of the people to give when the claims are properly presented, shows that this work so slighted by some, goes hand in hand ı the work of missions.

esolved, In view of the debt yet to be provided for, and for ressive work, we ask the apportionment of $1,000.

ttention is called to the expiration of the terms of Rev. Jacob P. ɔl, and Elder V. P. Van Horne. Also because of the death of er Baughman, the Committee on Nominations provide for the ancy.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *President.*

5. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. E. R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 7, 1891.

1890.	DR.	
Oct. 1.	Balance in treasury	$138 20
Dec. 9.	To cash from Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treasurer of Eastern Ohio Classis.	8 17
1891.		
Jan. 22.	To cash from Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis.	95 00
Feb. 6.	" " collection at the Church Erection Convention at Marshallville, Ohio	5 27
Mar. 5.	To cash from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis..	4 99
Mar. 11.	" " " " " " " " ..	10 91
Mar. 25.	" " Rev. A. Gonser, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis....	12 92
Mar. 28.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis..	10 60
Apr. 7.	" " " " " " " " " ..	18 65
May 11.	" " Rev. A. Gonser, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis....	22 56
May 14.	" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis.....	11 26
May 14.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis..	33 50
May 20.	" " Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis.....	28 67
May 22.	" " " " " " " "	27 23
May 25.	" " Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis..	13 34
May 25.	" " " " " " " " " ..	2 91
May 30.	" " " " " " " " " ..	54 76
June 1.	" " Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treasurer Lancaster Classis.....	90 68
June 9.	Interest on money on deposit	1 88
June 11.	To cash from Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis.	115 00
Aug. 12.	" " Rev. A. Gonser, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis....	18 62
Oct. 5.	" " " " " " " "	16 42
	Total receipts	$741 46

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 7, 1891.

1891.	CR.	
Jan. 15.	To Mrs. E. M. Sandoe, interest to date on note	$ 60 00
Oct. 5.	In treasurer's hands and drawing interest	681 46
		$741 46

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Treasurer.*

6. Report of Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

To the Synod of Ohio:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—By order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, as its Secretary, I beg to submit to your most careful consideration and helpful action the following statement:

It is with profound gratitude to God that I am able to say our Foreign Work is going prosperously forward; souls are being converted to Christ; the work is being extended; and God in His merciful Providence is beckoning us onward to enlarged operations and new conquests for His Kingdom. During the last year, however, our missionaries report that while the work has held its own there has not been the same onward progress which signalized preceding years. At first the Japanese were carried away in their enthusiastic welcome to the Christian religion. It has since appeared that a large element in their enthusiasm was the thought that as the Christian nations were the most advanced in civilization and material prosperity, they would welcome their religion as a means of secular and governmental aggrandizement. At the same time their Buddhism had in some measure lost its hold upon the people, and its priests had grown indifferent. Now, however, the Japanese are perceiving that with the missionaries, political and secular interests are altogether secondary to the salvation of the soul, and the promotion of man's spiritual interests, and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in their midst. Meanwhile the Buddhist Priests are bestirring themselves to the assertion of their old religion. Together with these causes there was a widespread diversion of the people's minds from Christianity to political affairs, induced by the establishment of a constitutional government, and this was followed by a revival of the anti-foreign prejudice. All these causes combined led to an alienation of feeling from the missionaries and Christianity. Even some of the converts grew cold and arrogant towards the foreigners, and manifested a disposition to set them at naught. I mention these things to explain why there was an arrest during the last year, of Christian progress. But with all this, Christianity was able to hold its own, if it did not materially advance. Now, however, a favorable turn has taken place. The former spirit of confidence in the missionaries is asserting itself and the prospect of onward Christian progress is happily growing brighter. The kingdom of darkness has been fighting the truth, but the truth is getting the upper hand again.

Both our schools are prospering; in the Girls' School thirty-one out of thirty-eight pupils have embraced Christianity, and we have as many scholars in each as we can well care for with our present small

teaching force. The number has been ranging from thirty to forty scholars in each school. The seminary building will be completed and occupied in September.

In the home church, however, for nearly a year past, there has been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board. Only too many of our pastors seem to have no heart for Foreign Missions, and a great many of them with their congregations, do not contribute a single cent. My observation and experience in visiting the churches, assure me that if the minister will earnertly present the cause, even when other calls are made upon them, the people will contribute—I know they will. When, therefore, a congregation gives nothing, whose fault is it? If even only one collection a year were taken in each congregation of the entire church, the board would be furnished with means sufficient to go forward and add to our teaching force—a matter of great importance—for we are overworking our missionaries, and there is danger of their breaking down. The board was induced by the shortage of receipts, (indeed we have been running behind for more than year, and we are in debt about ($10,000,) to anticipate Bro. Moore's furlough by one year, (he will be in this country the last of September,) that he may visit among our churches and arouse the missionary spirit again. The mission begged the board to send them a helper in his place, but it was out of our power to do so. Late letters show us that our remaining missionaries often feel discouraged and disheartened in consequence of the church's continued neglect to furnish sufficient means to carry forward our encouraging work. By the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, we are enabled to send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional teacher in the Girls' school, that society furnishing the means. The board could not do it. She will sail October 25, 1891, from Vancouver.

And now, dear brethren, let us beg you in the name of Him who bled for heathen souls, as well as for ours, to take such effective action and steps as will save the board the necessity of taking further backward steps. God is opening new doors and bidding us enter in, and we can not, because the church neglects to furnish the necessary means. Our own church is the child of Foreign Missions. Men and means were sent here from the "Vaterland," and will we not do for others what our fathers did for us? God forbid that we should refuse!

May the Holy Spirit incline you to make a prompt response, and to render a constant systematic support to this blessed cause.

Your brother in Christ,

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 26, 1891.

Statistical Summary, Japan Mission of the Reformed Church in the U. S. A., May, 1891.

	Organized Churches.	Self-supporting Churches.	Preaching Stations.	Membership Last Year.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Rec. From Other Churches.	Baptisms.	Present Membership.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars.	Theological Schools.	Scholars.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi	1	.	.	93	21	1	.	4	65	.	.	1	36	.	.	.	1	1	.	$ 72 00
Iwatsuki	1	.	2	98	20	1	.	6	83	.	.	1	42	.	.	.	1	.	.	16 42
Matsubayashi	.	.	1	40	.	.	.	2	42	.	.	1	40	.	.	.	.	.	.	13 40
Ozawa	.	.	1	9	.	.	32		41	.	.	1	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 30
Bancho	1	1	2	226	14	.	12	15	239	.	.	1	120	.	.	1	.	.	.	360 00
	3	1	6	466	65	2	44	27	470	.	.	5	253	.	.	1	2	1	.	$ 474 12
Sendai, Fukushima & Hobara, Nakamuta, Shiroishi, Ogawara, Watase, Tome, Yonegawa, Yamagata, Tsurugaaka	4	1	8	729	3	5	.	86	807	1	41	13	509	1	31	5	5	2	3	$1018 25
Iwanuma	1	.	1	101	.	.	.	3	104	.	.	1	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	146 54
Furukawa	1	.	.	43	.	.	.	7	50	.	.	1	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	11 70
Ishinomaki	1	.	1	76	.	.	.	2	78	.	.	1	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 50
Hakodate	1	1	1	120	.	.	.	1	121	.	.	1	76	.	.	.	.	.	.	419 86
	8	2	11	1069	3	5	.	99	1160	1	41	17	650	1	31	5	5	2	3	$1605 85
Grand total	11	3	17	1585	68	7	44	126	1630	1	41	22	903	1	31	6	7	3	3	$2079 97

N. B.—The Mombetsu Church, 121 members, in the new distribution of work, is under the care of the Dutch Reformed Mission. The church is, therefore, omitted in this year's report.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and as amended, together with all of the preceding reports relating to missions, adopted:

Your committee beg leave to submit their report. The following documents were referred to us: The Report of the Board of Missions of General Synod, with a special communication from said board, through superintendent Fouse; a circular letter from the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, and reports from the Treasurers

of Boards of Missions and Church Erection. The treasurers' reports were given to the Committee on Finance. We herewith return these documents and recommend they be printed in the Minutes.

The Foreign Board through its secretary report their work as "going prosperously forward." The circular contains an interesting resume of the work; its progress, its difficulties, its promises; and it urgently requests the synod "to take such effective actions and steps as will save the board taking further backward steps."

The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod presents its third report under the work as at present conducted. Unification has so far been reached that two synods and two classes have fallen in with the recommendation of the General Synod, so as to carry forward our missionary activities as to finally bring all under the supervision of the General Synod's Board. The report in the main is encouraging. In-as-much as the reports present so fully the work, it does not seem necessary for this committee to repeat what they have given for our information. As expressing the desire and intention of this synod, based upon these reports, your committee submit the following, and recommend their adoption and approval.

1. That all our pastors be urged and instructed to preach upon the cause of Foreign Missions and impress upon the minds and hearts of their people the greatness of that work, and the importance of sustaining it by prayer and gifts.

2. That pastors be instructed to take at least one collection annually in each congregation for the support of Foreign Missions.

3. That the sums of $7,500 for Home Missions, and $300 for Hungarian Missions be apportioned upon our classes by this synod.

4. That the sum of ten cents per member be apportioned upon all our classes for the cause of church extension, of which a sufficient sum shall be retained to pay the remaining debt of this Synod's Board of Church Erection, the remainder to be paid to the General Synod's Board.

5. That classes be urged to take such measures as will secure the prompt payment of these apportionments.

In regard to the Hungarian apportionment we recommend:

6. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to inform the stated clerks of classes of the amounts apportioned upon them for this purpose and request the clerks of classes to apportion the amounts upon the charges with a request to collect as early as possible so that our missionaries may be paid promptly.

In regard to the requests of the Board relating to missions, so called, formed of divided charges or old charges we recommend:

7. That this synod appoint a committee to consider that phase of our church life and work, and to form a plan whereby such charges may

be supported in some other way than by the Board of Missions, and to report at the next annual meeting of synod.

8. We heartily approve the publication of the *Missionary Guardian* and express the hope that our pastors will make earnest efforts to introduce it largely into our families.

9. The committee heartily unite in approving the work of our Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and express the hope that throughout our synod a deeper, heartier interest in these great causes will be manifested, and that by prayer and gifts the church will support and encourage them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

In connection with the adoption of item 3 in the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the several classes are hereby requested to urge all charges, which are delinquent on the apportionment of Harbor Missions, to pay the arrearages thereon.

Also, on motion, on the adoption of item 7 in the same report, and in compliance with the request therein contained, the following Committee was appointed, namely: Revs. John J. Leberman, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, John L. Bretz, and Elders Albert L. Shearer and Victor P. Van Horne.

On the reception of the report of the Board of Church Erection and its reference to the Standing Committee on Missions, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the synod hereby urges the several delinquent classes to pay the amount of their arrearages on the apportionment for church erection, and that the several classical treasurers make strenuous efforts to collect and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection at an early date.

On Sunday evening, according to the program arranged by the Standing Committee on Religious Service, an interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, and the church was crowded to overflowing. Among the inspiring addresses made were those of Rev. D. S. Fouse, Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender and our returned missionary from Japan, Rev. Jairus P. Moore, who gave a vivid account of the work, and the progress made there in establishing the kingdom of Christ. The meeting proved a decided success and a new impetus was given to the cause of Missions. The collection lifted on the occasion amounted to $201.10.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Rev. Edward D. Wettach, *Secretary*, Akron, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. Rev. Edward D. Wettach.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. Rev. John M. Kendig.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. John H. Bomberger.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Officers of Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. William H. Shults, *Secretary*, Leavittsburg, Ohio.
Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *Treasurer*, Akron, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Jacob P. Stahl. Victor P. Van Horne.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports relating to the Seminary were received, duly considered, and adopted as a whole:

I. ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

The following officers were elected October 4, 1890:

Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, Ohio, *President*.
Rev. H. M. Herman, D. D., Miamisburg, Ohio, *Vice President*.

Mr. G. G. Prugh, Dayton, Ohio, *Secretary.*
Mr. Horace Ankeney, Alpha, Ohio, *Treasurer.*

At a subsequent meeting, January 21, 1891, Rev. M. Loucks, D. D., was elected Secretary, Mr. G. G. Prugh, having died.

The Board held four meetings during the year, and as its specific duty is to provide the means by which the seminary shall be supported, this was carefully attended to. The detailed statement of the treasurer, will place before synod all the sources of our revenue and will also indicate our necessary expenses. The plan, inaugurated two years ago did not secure an equal amount this year as compared with former years, and yet it has brought to this board, a sum sufficiently large, added to the income from the endowment, so that we were able to meet the current expenses if we did fail to liquidate any of our indebtedness.

The board has felt, that in the mind of the church the work done in the seminary is of secondary importance; as at best but a co-ordinate department in our general educational work. This works injuriously against the standing of the seminary, and that too in many ways, money, which would reach our treasury finds its way into other places. Young men, with an honorable ambition to excel in their vocation, find in a meagerly equipped seminary poor inducements for them to enter. To overcome this the board took the following action, viz:

WHEREAS, We the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, feel that a deeper and more enlarged interest in the seminary should be brought about by a general effort among the people by holding conventions in various places in our synod; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees overture the various classes of the Ohio Synod, to hold conventions in the interests of the seminary, devoting one evening to this purpose, when the interests of the seminary shall be considered, especially the need of additional endowment and a building, and whatever pertains to the welfare of the Seminary.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary is earnestly overtured to join in this movement. The President of this Board, with the Treasurer was also instructed to help in this work; your board meanwhile fondly hoping that when our people have an adequate knowledge of both the work to be done in the seminary and the necessary means to accomplish that, our appeals for help will find a generous response. From this contemplated movement much good can be realized, if the whole synod will heartily join. And why not? From the the seminary we expect the golden fruitage of all our planting. From here every pulpit of the church is to be supplied. Here our

missionaries are to be equipped for their great work, and those who, in after years, are to be the church's instructors in theology are here laying the foundation for the accomplishment of that most responsible task, and the entire superstructure of all our building finds its security in accurate and skillful workmanship here. Your board therefore asks that in synod's consideration of this particular interest, that larger appropriations be made, both in the way of enlarging its teaching force, and in increasing its financial strength. It can only accomplish its assigned work after the church has placed at its disposal adequate means.

While your board remembers that its legitimate province is to secure the necessary means to support the seminary, yet it ventures to suggest the propriety, if indeed not the absolute necessity, of establishing an additional professorship, to be known as the Chair of Historic Theology; or that of Apologetics, Catechetics, Biblical Antiquities, including the Harmony of Science and Revelation. This chair to be filled as soon as the board shall have secured the necessary means to permanently support it.

The following timely action was taken at a recent meeting of the Board of Visitors:

Resolved, That the desirability of a seminary building be brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary. Synod's attention is directed to this suggestion, and it is hoped that the initial step may be taken which will secure, at no distant day, a permanent home for all our seminary work. It must be apparent to all that our seminary should be placed upon an absolutely independent basis, and its standing before the church must be that of the crowning institution of all our educational work.

During the past year the board sustained a great loss in the death of Elders G. G. Prugh and A. H. Baughman. These brethren were, for many years, faithful counselors and helpers in our work. The former was our most faithful secretary, present at every meeting, and most careful in the performance of his duties. Brother Baughman was for quite a number of years the board's treasurer, and in this relation like in all our brother's relations in life he was conscientious in the performance of all its duties. We have sadly missed the presence of these brethren in our recent meetings, and are impressed that their death is an additional reminder of the necessity to work more zealously, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

This synod is reminded that the following vacancies occur by expiration of time, of the following brethren: Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., Rev. J. M. Kendig, Elder Albert Ankeney.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

To the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our third report to you as Financial Agent embraces the workings of the "Special Plan" with no assistance from your Agent except a few letters and postals. We were unable to give the "Plan" the attention it needed or that our own heart desired, and the returns are not as complete as other years. We still have, however, great faith in the Plan, and could it be possible to have the Plan inaugurated in every charge and congregation with faithful and earnest local assistants to gather the annual offerings, the returns would soon enable us to wipe out the old debt due Dr. J. H. Good, deceased, and Prof. Herman Rust.

Our present report embraces the offerings from only thirty-nine out of one hundred and three charges in the synod, most of the thirty-nine only partial reports. These receipts have enabled us to meet the yearly salaries in full, with a small balance in the treasurer's hands, and with nearly two hundred dollars added to Endowment Fund.

We append an itemized statement showing from whence money was received and how credited, with amount of expenses.

Tabulated Financial Statement.

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering	How Credited. Interest on am't assumed.	As Principal of am't assumed.	Immediate use.	Total for congregation	Total for charge.
MIAMI CLASSIS.							
Miamisburg	Miamisburg	2d year			$ 8 10		
"		3d year			13 10	$21 20	$21 20
West Alexandria	West Alexandria	2d year			8 10	8 10	
	Johnsville	3d year			1 90	1 90	10 00
Fairfield	Fairfield	2d year			10 80	10 80	
	Bethel						
	Byron	2d year			2 75	2 75	13 55
Union	Alcony	3d year			5 00	5 00	5 00
Highland	Mt. Zion	2d year			10 63	10 63	10 63
	Mt. Calvary						
Trinity		2d year			1 25	1 25	1 25
"		3d year			2 25	2 25	2 25
Farmersville	Schlieffer's						
	Farmersville	3d year			4 00	4 00	4 00
Tremont							
Springboro	Springboro	2d year			18 45		
"	Ref. Day collection				2 10	20 55	20 55
Germantown	Germantown						
	Ellerton C	3d year			2 50	2 50	2 50
Bethel	Zion's	3d year			1 00	1 00	1 00
Valley	Mt. Carmel						
	David's	2d year			60	60	60
New Madison	Beach Grove	3d year			7 85	7 85	
	Zion's cong	3d year			9 95		
	Zion's S. S	3d year			50	10 45	18 30
Beaver Creek	Beaver	3d year			68 65		
	Beaver S. S				55	69 20	
	Mt. Zion	2d year			5 00	5 00	
	Hawker	2d year			75		
	"	3d year			3 00	3 75	77 95
Trinity, Dayton	Trinity	3d year			26 00	26 00	26 00
New Pittsburgh	Boundary	2d year			7 10	7 10	7 10
							221 88

RECEIVED FROM SUNDRY INDIVIDUALS IN MIAMI CLASSIS:

Reuben Haines, 2d year	$ 2 00	
" " 3d year	2 00	
John Schindler, 2d year	15 00	
" " 3d year	15 00	
H. H. Prugh, 3d year	5 00	
Mrs. A. D. Freeman, 3d year	5 00	
Rev. C. E. Miller, 3d year	5 00	
J. M. Smith, 3d year	5 00	
Rev. E. Herbruck, Ph. D., 3d year	10 00	
C. B. Olwine, 3d year	1 00	
M. E. Olwine, 3d year	1 00	
Rev. R. F. Shultz and wife, 3d year	2 00	
		$68 00
Total from Classis		$289 88

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering.	How Credited. Interest on am't assumed.	Principal on am't assumed.	Imm'diate use.	Total for congregation.	Total for charge.
LANCASTER CLASSIS.							
Basil	Trinity	3d year	. . .	. . .	$25 80	$25 80	. . .
	Mt. Zion	3d year	. . .	. . .	8 05	8 05	$33 85
Stoutsville	. . .	3d year	. . .	. . .	34 75	. . .	34 75
Thornville	Thornville	3d year	. . .	. . .	28 00	28 00	28 00
Canal Winchester	David's	3d year	. . .	. . .	44 85	44 85	44 85
Glenford	St. Paul's	3d year	. .	. . .	10 75	10 75	. . .
	Zion's	3d year	. . .	. . .	20 00	20 00	30 75
Kinnickinnick	. . .	2d year	. . .	. . .	2 50	2 50	. . .
"	. . .	3d year	. . .	. . .	3 00	3 00	5 50
Union Charge	St. Michael's	2d year	. . .	. . .	3 10	3 10	. . .
	St. Peter's	2d year	. . .	. . .	2 25	2 25	5 35
Jerusalem Mission	. . .	1st year	. . .	. . .	2 50	2 50	2 50
							185 55

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN LANCASTER CLASSIS:

Mrs. E. E. Johnson, 3d year $1 00

Total for classis $186 55

TUSCARAWAS CL.							
Canal Fulton	. . .	2d year	. . .	. . .	$10 00	$10 00	$10 00
Wooster	. . .	2d year	$4 83	. . .	. . .	4 83	4 83
Marshallville	. . .	3d year	. . .	. . .	8 25	8 25	8 25
Reedsburg	Reedsburg	3d year	. . .	$7 50	. . .	7 50	. . .
	Emanuel's	2d year	. . .	7 50	. . .	7 50	. . .
	Meng	3d year	4 26	. .	. . .	4 26	19 26
Navarre	. . .	3d year	. . .	16 40	. . .	. . .	16 40
							$58 74

RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS IN TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS:

Rev. J. Ihle, 5th year, for endowment	$10 00	
Zetus L. Numbers, 3d year	1 00	
Father J. L. Steele, 3d year	2 00	
Mrs. A. Herbruck, 2d and 3d years	2 00	
Rev. N. W. Bloom and wife, 2d and 3d years	4 00	
		$19 00

Total for classis $77 74

TIFFIN CLASSIS.							
First Church, Tiffin	. . .	3d year	$4 08	$10 95	. . .	. . .	$15 03
Bloomville	. . .	3d year	. . .	14 50	. . .	. . .	14 50
Bellevue	Bellevue	2d year	. .	. .	$47 00	$47 00	. . .
Bellevue	Bellevue	3d year	6 83	34 17	. . .	41 00	88 00
Fremont	. . .	3d year	1 80	1 20	. . .	2 50	2 50
							120 03

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN TIFFIN CLASSIS:

Rev. C. W. Good, 3d year	$5 00	
Mrs. D. Van Horne, 3d year	1 50	
		$6 50

Total for classis $126 58

Tabulated Financial Statement—Continued.

CHARGE.	CONGREGATION.	Which year's offering.	How Credited. Interest on am't assumed.	Principal on am't assumed.	Imm'diate use.	Total for congregation.	Total for charge.
EASTERN OHIO CL.							
Louisville	Louisville	2d year	. . .	$ 8 75	. . .	$ 8 75	$ 8 75
Columbiana	Columbiana	3d year	$3 43	30 52	. . .	33 95	33 95
Springfield	Salem	2d year	9 70	9 40	. . .	19 10	. . .
	Old Springfield	2d year	. . .	4 00	. . .	4 00	23 10
Mt. Olivet	Mt. Olivet	2d year	. . .	10 85	. . .	10 85	10 85
Robertsville	Paris	3d year	4 72	. . .	. . .	4 72	. . .
	St. Martin's	3d year	3 65	. . .	. . .	3 65	. . .
	Robertsville	3d year	3 02	7 03	. . .	10 05	18 42
New Lisbon	Trinity	3d year	7 00	. . .	. . .	7 00	. . .
	St. Jacob's	3d year	2 32	10 93	. . .	13 25	20 25
							115 32

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS:

Mrs. Rose Chenot, 3d year	$5 00	
Chas. Penjat, 2d year	1 00	
Rev. J. J. Leberman, 3d year	5 00	
		$11 00
Total for classis		$126 32

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.							
White Pigeon	White Pigeon	1st year	. . .	. . .	$ 25	. . .	. . .
	White Pigeon	1st year	. . .	. . .	3 00	$3 25	. . .
	Florence	3d year	. . .	. . .	2 00	2 00	$5 25
							$5 25

FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS:

Rev. Elias Spangler, 3d year	$5 00
Total for classis	$10 25

FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OHIO SYNOD:

C. Foucht, 3d year	$3 00
Rev. J. A. Keller, 3d year	10 00
Rev. F. M. Shults, 3d year	3 00
Rev. F. M. Shults, extra	2 00
Rev. G. A. Snyder, 3d year	5 00
	$23 00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

	Int. & Im. Use.	Endow't.	Total.
Miami Classis	$289 88	. . .	$289 88
Lancaster	186 55	. . .	186 55
Tuscarawas	36 34	$41 40	77 74
Tiffin	65 71	60 82	126 53
Eastern Ohio	44 84	81 48	126 32
St. Joseph	10 25	. . .	10 25
Sundry persons outside synod	23 00	. . .	23 00
	$656 57	$183 70	$840 27

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of agent during year for stationery, stamps, &c	$ 8 60
Paid treasurer for Endowment Fund	183 70
Paid treasurer for immediate use	647 97
	$840 27

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Financial Agent.*

To the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary:

The committee appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts would report that the duty was attended to on the evening of October 2. A careful revision of the books, notes and papers was made, and the committee are gratified with the manner in which the books and accounts are kept, and can report that we found everything correct. The investments are all amply secured.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOUCKS, *Committee.*

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3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees.*

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary.*

1890.		IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.	DR.
		RECEIPTS.	
Oct.	2.	Rev. L. M. Kerschner, interest on Zwingli Mem. note	$ 10 00
"	8.	Mast & Albert, interest on Plainfield Bond	4 00
"	25.	Maud Francisco interest on note	1 10
"	12.	Mary Davis one year interest on first mortgage loan	75 00
Nov.	14.	H. H. Prugh, Attorney, interest on Darrow loan to date	144 23
Dec.	13.	Jno. Strock, one year interest on gift note to November, 1890	3 00
"	13.	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., treas. Miami Cl. int. Miami Cl. note	30 00
"	31.	Seminary Agent raised by Special Plan	116 53
1891.			
Jan.	1.	J. E. Lowes, one year's interest on first mortgage loan	140 00
"	6.	Levi House interest in full on first mortgage loan	186 10
"	6.	Seminary Agent raised by Special Plan	5 00
"	10.	Rev. Wm. H. Shults, interest on Zwingli Mem. note	1 50
"	17.	W. H. Siegfried, interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	19.	H. H. Prugh, interest on first mortgage loan	35 00
"	21.	Isaac Snyder, interest on Zwingli Mem. note	21 00
"	27.	J. G. Miller, Treasurer Ref. Day, coll. Beaver cong. of Beaver Creek charge	4 39
"	29.	Gray & Waggoner, Attorneys, int. on Horner note to April 8, 1891	15 05
Feb.	10.	R. B. Crotzer, one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note	3 00
"	19.	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., one year's interest on loan	48 00
"	23.	H. Ankeney, interest on his J. H. Good professorship note	2 75
Mch.	7.	Maud Francisco, balance interest on mortgage note	2 25
"	7.	Thos. Cavanaugh, balance interest in full on loan	11 75
"	12.	Geo. Spitler 2 year's interest on note to October 11, 1891	6 00
		Amount carried forward	$ 868 65

		Amount brought forward		$ 868 65
Mch.	14.	Bernard Mathes one year's interest on note to 1-1 1891		6 00
"	19.	Rev. S. Z. Beam & wife one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note		3 00
"	19.	Rev. J. B. Henry, " " " " "		3 00
Apr.	7.	Detrick Glander one year's interest (less exchange)		29 75
"	7.	J. R. Skinner one year's interest on Zwingli Mem. note		1 50
"	14.	Geo. F. Baries, Supt., Easter Day coll. of S. S., of David's Ref. Church, Canal Winchester, Ohio		17 21
"	14.	H. H. Prugh, Attorney, one year's interest C. Gutenstein, first mortgage loan		35 00
"	14.	H. H. Prugh Att'y, one year's int., Jacob Hendershott loan in full		66 50
"	14.	Maud B. Francisco, int. in full first mortgage note		3 25
"	14.	Jacob A. Smith, one year's int. on first mortgage loan		133 00
"	14.	Seminary Agent on account Special Plan		39 85
May	4.	H. H. Prugh, Att'y., balance interest on Darrow loan		5 15
"	4.	" " " 1 year's int., on Bates first mortgage loan		154 00
"	25.	E. Schriber, admr., Jno. Ault estate, balance on note		70 00
"	27.	J. I. Wolf, Treas. Xenia cong., for immediate use		7 00
"	27.	J. D. Heller, Treas. Xenia S. S. " " "		5 00
"	29.	H. H. Prugh, Attorney one year's int., on Beck loan		8 00
"	29.	" " " " " Newby "		66 00
"	29.	" " " " " Matthews "		80 00
June	11.	E. K. Kremer, Treas. Tuscarawas Classis int. on am't assumed from Akron charge	$17 22	
		" Canton charge	6 13	
		" Mohican charge	5 87	29 22
"	12.	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Classis, interest on Miami Classis note		20 00
"	24.	Rev. A. Gonser, Treas. E. O. Classis int. on am't assumed		7 20
July	8.	Xenia Congregation for immediate use		2 00
"	8.	Horace Ankeney Treas. Miami Classis, S. S. Association, balance last year surplus		2 50
Aug.	18.	Jos. D. Bausman, one year's interest on loan		24 00
"	18.	Gilbert Davis " " "		17 55
"	18.	Jno. L. Dohner " " "		70 00
"	27.	H. H. Prugh, Attorney balance in full Matthews interest		33 00
Sept.	5.	" " " one year's interest on Belle Clark loan		42 00
"	5.	Jno. Shepherd, interest in full on loan		14 17
"	8.	Rev. M. Loucks one year's interest on loan		24 50
"	8.	H. H. Prugh, Attorney one year's interest Mary Davis loan		75 00
"	8.	" " " " " " Uriah Weaver loan		70 00
"	16.	" " " " " " D. E. Dwinbaugh loan		16 00
"	16.	" " " " " " Adam Pritz loan		16 00
"	16.	Albert Albright two year's interest to June 13, 1891		6 00
"	16.	Levi Kiester one year's interest to June 16, 1891		1 50
"	26.	Seminary Agent on account Special Plan		165 84
"	26.	H. Ankeney, Tr. Miami Classis Association surplus		13 81
"	30.	H. H. Prugh Attorney one-half year's interest Blakely loan		14 00
Oct.	2.	Geo. P. Early, one year's interest mortgage loan		140 00
"	2.	Daniel Frantz, one year's interest on note		3 10
"	2.	Seminary Agent on account Special Plan		165 11
"	2.	H. H. Prugh, Att'y-, return of money advanced for court costs in House foreclosure suit		10 00
"	2.	H. H. Prugh, Att'y., int., Jno. A. Francisco, 6 per cent. note, renewed to 8 per cent		1 95
"	8.	Seminary Agent on account Special Plan		155 64
				$2,741 35

SUMMARY IMMEDIATE USE RECEIPTS.

From interest on Mortgage Loans	1,832 25
From interest on gift notes for endowment	168 30
From Classical Treasurer interest on amount assumed by Classes	36 42
From collections for immediate use	14 00
From Reformation Day collection	4 39
From Easter Day collections	17 21
From Treas. Miami Classis Sunday-School Association surplus	15 81
From Seminary Agent on account Special Plan	648 97
From other sources	10 00
	$2,741 35

IMMEDIATE USE ACCOUNT.

1890. CR.

EXPENDITURES.

Oct.	8.	By cash to Philip Grummel, Glass, &c., Museum Case	14 70
"	8.	" " G. W. Williard, D. D., making Museum Case	55 30
"	31.	" " Susan Good, one-half year's interest on note	15 90
Nov.	15.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	100 00
Dec.	1.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "	50 00
"	16.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " "	30 00
"	16.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., " "	21 00
"	29.	" " " " " " "	47 00
1891.			
Jan.	5.	By cash to Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	46 00
"	5.	" " " Herman Rust, D. D. " "	120 00
"	5.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " "	24 00
"	10.	" " H. H. Prugh, Att'y., railroad fare foreclosing House mortgage	8 00
"	10.	By cash to H. H. Prugh, Att'y for getting cash terms	10 00
"	10.	" " T. L. McGruder, Att'y., fees to Wilson case	35 00
"	10.	" " H. H. Prugh, Att'y., recording mortgages	5 15
"	19.	" " " " " as int., on one of Hegedorn first mortgage notes held by him until I could lift same	4 30
"	23.	By cash to Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	21 00
Feb.	19.	" " " " " " "	95 00
"	19.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "	92 00
"	19.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " "	29 00
Mch.	31.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., per Emma Hall, on account salary	1 25
Apr.	7.	By cash to Mrs. Susan Good, one-half year's interest on note to April 16, 1891	15 90
"	15.	By cash to Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	180 00
"	15.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "	145 00
"	15.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " "	45 00
May	4.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., " "	78 00
June	1.	" " " " " " " "	115 00
June	1.	By cash to Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., on account salary	49 00
"	1.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "	154 00
"	13.	" " Margaret Ankeney, interest on note	35 00
"	16.	" " Rev. J. H. Steele one year's interest on note	7 00
"	25.	" " Prof. H. B. Adams, music at Sem., Commencement	6 00
July	8.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary	3 00
		Amount carried forward	$1,657 50

		Amount brought forward		$1,657 50
Aug.	28.	" " Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Treas., print'g catalogues		15 00
"	28.	" " " " int., college note to March 19, 1891,		7 38
"	31.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		5 00
Sep.	8.	" " H. H. Prugh, Att'y., expenses incurred in Wilson case	$12 90	
		H. H. Prugh, Att'y., services of himself in trip to Memphis to take deposition	15 00	
		H. H. Prugh, Att'y., for cash paid G. G. Prugh expenses viewing Preble Co., land	3 00	
		H. H. Prugh, Att'y., recor. Archdeacon & Pritz, mort'gs.	2 25	33 15
Sept.	12.	By cash to Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		160 00
"	12.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "		120 00
"	12.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " "		40 00
Oct.	2.	" " Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., " "		208 00
"	2.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "		165 00
"	2.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., " "		52 00
"	2.	" " Expenses of self as Treas., stationery, looking up property on which loans made, &c		6 50
"	8.	By cash Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on account salary		119 75
"	8.	" " Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., " "		94 00
"	8.	" " Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph., D., " "		31 00
"	8.	By balance in Treasurer's hands		17 07
				$2,741 35

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Salaries	2,480 00
Interests	85 48
Printing catalogues	15 00
Recording mortgages	7 40
Attorney's fees and expenses in Wilson case (last yr. ap.)	62 90
Museum Case	70 00
Sundry Expenses	33 50
Balance in Treasurer's hands	17 07
	$2,741 35

1890. ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT. DR.

Oct.	1.	To balance on hand		679 96
"	10.	To cash of Rev. M. Loucks, payment on loan		350 00
"	25.	" Maud Francisco note		73 75
Nov.	4.	To payment on Darrow loan		85 77
Dec.	31.	Cash of Sem. Agt. on acc't. Special Plan, Mt. Olivet chge.	$10 85	
		" " " " " Lattisburg C. Reedsburg chge	5 30	
		Cash of Sem. Agt. on acc't. Special Plan, Louisville chge.	8 75	
		" " " " " Rev. J. Ihle, 5th year	10 00	34 90
1881.				
Jan.	6.	To House loan in full		1,240 00
"	19.	" H. H. Prugh, loan in full		500 00
"	29.	Payment on Horner note, per Gray & Waggoner, Att'ys		4 95
Feb.	28.	To payment on H. Ankeney's, J. H. Good professorship note		5 00
"	28.	" gift of Rev. W. H Fenneman		250 00
		Amount carried forward		$3,224 33

		Amount brought forward	$3,224 83
Mch.	7.	" Maud Francisco note	73 75
"	7.	" Cavanaugh loan in full	300 00
Apr.	1.	" 2d installment, Mary E. Steiner note	5 00
"	11.	" Maud Francisco note	73 75
"	11.	" payment on Darrow loan	544 51
May	2.	" Matthews loan in full	1,000 00
"	4.	" balance Darrow loan in full	8 45
"	15.	" balance in full Horner note per Gray & Waggoner, Att'ys	20 05
"	17.	" L. W. Mease note balance	25 00
"	25.	" Jno. Ault note per E. Schriber, admr	75 00
"	25.	" H. Ankeney's 2d year's subscription per D. Van. Horne	30 00
June	2.	" balance in full Mt. Zion's cong., app., of 1884—1885 on Greenville ch., debt, per Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treas. Miami Cl.	9 49
Sep.	5.	To Shephard loan in full	350 00
"	26.	" cash of Sem. Agt. on account Special Plan	29 10
"	28.	" Francisco note	72 50
Oct.	2.	" cash of Sem. Agt. on account Special Plan	41 47
"	2.	" " " " " "	78 23
		Cash advanced to complete loans	75 03
			$6,035 66

SUMMARY OF ENDOWMENT FUND RECEIPTS.

Balance	679 96
Loans paid	4,672 48
Special Plan	183 70
Gift notes	135 00
Gift of Rev. W. H. Fenneman	250 00
From Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., special subscription	30 00
Apportionments	9 49
Cash advanced	75 03
	$6,035 66

1890.		ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.	CR.
Oct.	27	First mortgage loan to Bridget Curran @ 7 per cent	850 00
Nov.	12.	" " " Louis Hagedorn 7 per cent	700 00
1891.			
Jan.	6.	First mortgage loan W. H. Cox, purchaser note House farm	546 66
"	6.	" " Jno. Shephard to J. A. & B. F. Mumma of $350 00	343 00
"	10.	" " loan to Chas. S. King 8 per cent	300 00
"	17.	" " " David N. Wead 8 per cent	250 00
Mch.	7.	" " " Adam and Mary Pritz 8 per cent	400 00
Apr.	11.	" " " Prudence E. & B. F. Archdeacon 7 per cent.	700 00
May	2.	" " " Miller 8 per cent	1,050 00
"	30.	" " " Stumpt notes $300 00	296 00
Sept.	10.	" " " Mary Pritz 7 per cent	600 00
			$6,035 66

Salaries of Professors—Statement of Accounts.

		PROF. HERMAN RUST, D. D., ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
Oct.	1, '90.	Balance due on salary, old account	$1,094 78	
Oct.	1, '91.	Salary for year to date	950 00	
Oct.	'91.	By cash paid on salary during year		950 00
Oct.	'91.	By balance due on salary old account		1,094 78
			$2,044 78	$2,044 78

REV. DAVID VAN HORNE, D. D., ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '91.	Salary for one year to date	$1,200 00	
Oct. 8, '91.	By cash paid on salary for one year		$1,200 00
		$1,200 00	$1,200 00

PROF. A. S. ZERBE, PH. D., ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1, '91.	Salary for one year to date	$ 300 00	
Oct. 8, '91.	By cash paid on salary for one year		$ 300 00
		$ 300 00	$ 300 00

Bills Payable. Due in Settlement of Salary due Rev. J. H. Good, deceased.

Balance on college note with interest from March 19, 1891	120 00
Balance on principal Margaret Ankeney note	345 00
Note to Rev. J. H. Steele, with interest from May 29, 1891	100 00
Note to Mrs. Susan Good	530 00
Interest on same to Oct., 16, 1891	15 90
	$1.110 90
Due Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., old account for salary	1,094 73
	$2.205 63

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE ANKENEY, *Treasurer.*

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4. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

To the Reverend Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your newly constructed Board of Visitors was reorganized at Bluffton, Indiana, October 4, 1890, by electing Rev. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, President, and continuing Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Secretary. The following named persons were constituted the Executive Committee for one year: Revs. H. Rust, D. D., David Van Horne, D. D., A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Prof. R. Good and L. H. Kefauver, D. D.

STUDENTS RECEIVED.

Messrs. T. H. Sonnedecker, Louis D. Benner, J. W. Belser, Calvin A. Mueller, B. E. Buckley, Ellsworth Kunkle, S. E. Neikirk, S. V. Rohrbaugh, C. E. Stoner, Edward Barlow and S. S. Snyder; *eleven.*

L. Richter was excused from attendance for one year on account of financial embarrassments.

DISMISSIONS.

Messrs. Irvin M. Beaver, Jacob D. Buehrer, James S. Keppel, Morgan A. Peters and Albert Schoepp, after having stood approved examinations, were regularly dismissed from the seminary, and recommended for graduation. These young men graduated on the evening of

the 13th of May last, with credit both to the seminary faculty and to themselves, and are now serving pastoral charges.

With but trifling exceptions, the health of both the professors and students was good during the year. The professors are over-worked and need to be relieved by an additional teacher. They unite in bearing testimony to the commendable zeal and diligence of the students and also to the progress they are making in their studies.

A few important volumes have been added to the library; such as a set of "Henry's Commentary on the Bible," and "Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia," gifts of Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne, and "Faussett and Brown's Commentary," the gift of Elder Horace Ankeney, our honored Treasurer.

The board respectfully calls the attention of the synod to its oversight in taking no notice of its requests with reference to proposed changes in the constitution of the seminary, recorded in last year's printed Minutes, pp. 54, 55, and earnestly renews its former requests.

The following action was taken with reference to a fourth professorship in the seminary:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio, to Convene in Bellevue, Ohio, Oct., 7, 1891.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the undersigned members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, after consultation with the members of the Faculty, and with their approval respectfully petition your reverend body to take into consideration the need of founding a fourth professorship in the seminary, to be known as the Chair of Exegetical and Biblical Theology. The addition of a third year to the course of study, now for the first time fully inaugurated, greatly increases the amount of labor required of each of the professors, while previously, the teaching force has been barely sufficient. The fact that the senior professor, who has been faithfully at his post of duty for nearly thirty years past, is yet endeavoring to do all the work relating to two distinct departments, namely, that of Exegesis and Church History, indicates the propriety of affording some relief in this direction. There is also the farther consideration that the third professor teaches Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, while at the same time he attends to the duties of a full professorship in the university. We believe that this state of affairs calls for some action on the part of the synod at this time. We therefore respectfully urge the appointment of a fourth professor to have charge, especially, of Exegetical and Biblical Theology, including Biblical Antiquities, and the Harmony of Science and Revealed Religion.

Signed by HERMAN RUST, *Chairman.*
L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*
DAVID VAN HORNE.
REUBEN GOOD.

TIFFIN, OHIO, Oct. 6, 1891.

Members whose term of office expires.

Rev. L. H. Kefauver. Rev. D. Van Horne.
Rev. A. S. Zerbe. Rev. R. Good.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

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5. Report of the Board of Education.

To the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The labors of your board have been attended during the last year with a good deal of anxiety and judicious management, in order to meet all the demands made upon its patronage. In addition to the regular board meetings, the business requiring its attention made it necessary for its Executive Committee to hold frequent meetings both for consultation and proper action.

The board was reorganized at Bluffton, Indiana, October 4, 1890, by electing the following officers:

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., President; Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., was continued Secretary and Treasurer; Executive Committee, Revs. Drs. H. Rust, D. Van Horne, A. S. Zerbe, L. H. Kefauver, and Prof. R. Good.

The board received under its care, with a full appropriation to each, with but one exception, Messrs. Harvey L. Weltmer, Peter Bock, L. D. Benner, S. E. Neikirk, Chas. F. Dewitz, S. S. Snyder, Nelson H. Chase, Park H. Weaver, and Frederick Cromer. Five of these are students in the Theological Seminary, three in the sophomore class, and one in the freshman class in the Literary Department of the University. Messrs. Weltmer and Chase were placed under the care of the Tuscarawas Classis, Mr. Bock under the care of the Miami Classis, Messrs. Snyder and Weaver under the care of the Eastern Ohio Classis, Messrs. Dewitz and Benner, under the care of the Erie Classis, Mr. Neikirk under the care of the Tiffin Classis, and Mr. Cromer under the care of the Maryland Classis of the Potomac Synod.

Messrs. J. D. Buehrer, Alfred Schoepp and Morgan A. Peters, having completed their studies in the seminary, their names were dropped from the roll of Beneficiary Students. Louis Richter is absent by permission this year, as is J. V. McMillan also, who is temporarily engaged in teaching. Willis H. Souder released the board from further support, and will refund what he has received, with interest. W. A. Bodell, State Secretary, Y. M. C. A., at La Fayette, Indiana, has refunded in full what he received, with interest also. The foregoing made it possible for the board to meet the demands upon its treasury, without leaving any indebtedness, except that contracted four years ago. This should be by all means cancelled, as the inter-

est on it has already reached an amount sufficient to support a beneficiary student one year. The cause of Beneficiary Education, by means of which so many reach the gospel ministry, who otherwise would have been compelled to abandon their purpose, should receive the earnest support of the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.*

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6. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

RECEIVED ON APPORTIONMENTS.

DR.

From Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer Miami Classis		$396 84
" " G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis		108 22
" " John A. Seitz, " " "		198 14
" Elder E. K. Kremer, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis		420 00
" Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis		174 96
" " Isaac A. Sites, Treasurer Tiffin Classis		77 49
" " I. S. Hahn, Treasurer Eastern Ohio Classis		54 51
" " A. Gonser, " " " "		266 66
" Elder Ben Ashbaucher, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis		241 00
		$1,937 82

RECEIPTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

From Reformed Sunday-school at Bluffton, Ind	$ 7 47	
" Prospect Reformed Church, per Rev. D. A. Winter	10 00	
" Reformed Sunday-school at Bloomville, O., per Supt. J. A. Klahr,	20 00	
" Mis. Soc., Immanual's cong., Upper Sandusky, per Dr. D. Van Horne,	25 50	
" Elder D. W. Souder, Ft. Wayne, Ind	25 00	
" Three Rivers Charge, per Rev. F. Ware	5 25	
" Charles E. Ewing, interest	6 00	
" Ref. Church, Marion, O., Children's Day col., per Rev. L. P. Gross,	5 27	
" Rev. F. M. Shults, Lisbon, Iowa	25 00	
" Thornville cong., per Rev. A. D. Wolfinger	12 21	
" Mrs. J. V. Dix, Dayton, O	1 00	
" Plymouth, Ind. cong., per Rev. I. Rothenberger	3 00	
" a friend at Dayton, O	5 00	
" Springboro Sunday-school, per J. R. Siegfried	17 66	
" W. A. Bodell, money refunded	213 76	
Interest from the S. Brinker bequest	56 00	
" " S. A. Hivling bequest	84 00	
" " Lefler bequest	250 00	
" " Carson bequest, per Dr. G. W. Williard	80 00	
" " " " per Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters	25 25	
		$877 37
On hand October 1, 1890		67 39
		$2,882 58

CONTRA. CR.

Paid beneficiary students	$2,594 00	
Paid interest on money borrowed	26 95	
Paid postage	1 90	
		$2,622 85
In treasury October 7, 1891		259 73
		$2,882 58

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

Certificates of stock and notes	$5,300 00
Received interest from Brinker bequest	56 00
" " " Hivling bequest	84 00
" " " Lefler bequest	258 00
	$5,698 00

CR.

Whole amount invested	$5,400 00	
Paid Contingent Fund	390 00	
Paid interest on temporary loan	8 00	
		$5,798 00
Due treasurer		100 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and considered item by item, and then together with the preceding reports adopted as a whole, excepting the first resolution in this report, which was laid on the table:

Your committee has had placed in its hands the report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, the report of the Treasurer, report of the Financial Agent, report of the Board of Education, and that of the Board of Visitors. These reports all indicate that a time has come in the history of our Theological Seminary, when there must be an aggressive movement if we wish to accomplish the work the church demands. Our seminary should be so well equipped and endowed that it will attract young men to it. In these days of intense life, and when the best work is demanded in all the departments of life, it is no wonder that young men are drawn to those theological schools where they will be best furnished with the education which will make their work a success. It is gratifying to know that the finances are in no worse condition than they were a year ago, and that they are steadily improving, and would still more improve were there a more hearty co-operation with the financial agent of the seminary in the gathering of the funds. We would call the attention of synod especially to four points which seem to us to demand attention at this time. 1. A building for the seminary. 2.

More attention to the collecting of funds for Beneficiary Education. 3. The increase of the endowment fund. 4. The establishing of another chair in the seminary. These are crying needs. We believe they can be supplied. We have faith in the Reformed Church, and believe that if these needs are properly presented to our people that they will come to our help and lift up our seminary to such a high position as will cause it to be sought by young men who are preparing for the ministry.

The committee would therefore recommend the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the needs of the seminary demand more room, and that a special committee be appointed, and that special efforts be made to secure the funds to erect a building for that purpose.

Resolved, That the attention of our ministers be called not only to the fact that more young men should have their minds directed toward the seminary, but that the necessary funds be provided for their support, and that an earnest effort be made to collect all the apportionments for that purpose.

Resolved, That strenuous efforts be made to increase the permanent endowment fund of the seminary, and that the various classes be requested to comply with the request to hold special conferences in the interest of the seminary.

Resolved, That the teaching force of the seminary be increased by the establishing of another chair to be known as the chair of Historical Theology and that an election be entered into during the present sessions of synod, believing that our Father in heaven will in some way provide the needed funds for the same.

We would also call the attention of synod to the fact of a donation of $1,000 to the permanent endowment of the Theological Seminary, and $500 to the library by Dr. Schneck, and recommend synod to take appropriate notice of the same.

The terms of the following members of the boards expire. Board of Trustees, Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D., Rev. J. M. Kendig, and Elder A. Ankeney. Board of Visitors, Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., D. VanHorne, D. D., A. S. Zerbe, Ph. D. and R. Good.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

III. TEACHING FORCE IN SEMINARY INCREASED.

When the *fourth* resolution in the report of the Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary was under earnest consideration, it was, on motion.

Resolved, That the item in said report be adopted, and that the subject-matter thereof be referred to a special committee in which all the classes of the synod are represented, and also including the three professors of the seminary.

Thereupon the following named committee was appointed, viz:

Miami Classis.—Revs. Dr. H. M. Herman and Dr. W. A. Hale.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. G. H. Leonard and S. W. Seeman.

Tuscarawas Classis.—Revs. E. D. Wettach and E. M. Beck.

Tiffin Classis.—Revs. G. H. Souder and Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Revs. Dr. J. J. Leberman and R. Keller.

St. Joseph Classis.—Revs. A. K. Zartman and W. H. Xanders.

In General.—Elders Horace Ankeney, Dr. George S. Stein and Daniel W. Souder.

This committee, during the session on Saturday evening, submitted the following report, which was received and after being considered *seriatim* was unanimously adopted as a whole:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject matter of item 4 in the Report of the Standing Committee on Heidelberg Theological Seminary, would respectfully report:

That we had a prolonged meeting at the parsonage and freely and frankly discussed the subject referred to us, and with unanimous voice came to the following conclusions:

First. That the professorships in Heidelberg Theological Seminary be defined thus:

1.) Systematic Theology.

2.) Historical Theology.

3.) Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

4.) New Testament Exegesis and Theology.

5.) Practical Theology.

Second. That the committee recommend that the synod create the fourth professorship and that it be known as the Chair of New Testament Exegesis and Theology.

Third. That the committee recommend the establishing of the fifth professorship to be known as the Chair of Practical Theology.

Fourth. That the committee reccommend that the synod fix the salary of the fourth professorship at $950.00 per year.

Fifth. That the committee recommend synod to elect a man to this professorship, and that the proper authorities issue the call, and that until permanent provision be made for his support the synod apportion $950.00 annually among the classes for that purpose.

Sixth. That the committee recommend that synod fix the salary of the fifth chair at $950.00 a year.

Seventh. That the committee recommend that the election of professors to these chairs be held this evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN,	REUBEN KELLER,
WILLIAM A. HALE	ALLEN K. ZARTMAN,
GEORGE H. LEONARD,	WILLIAM H. XANDERS,
SOLOMON W. SEEMAN,	HORACE ANKENEY,
EDWARD D. WETTACH,	GEORGE S. STEIN, M. D.,
EDWARD M. BECK,	DANIEL W. SOUDER,
GEORGE H. SOUDER,	DAVID VAN HORNE,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,	HERMAN RUST,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN,	ALVIN S. ZERBE,

Committee.

In connection with and growing out of the adoption of the foregoing report, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the synod at once proceed to the election of two professors to the proposed Professorships of "New Testament Exegesis and Theology," and of "Practical Theology."

Resolved, That we first elect a Professor to the Chair of New Testament Exegesis and Theology.

Then, on motion, Rev. Prof. Henry W. Super, D. D., LL.D., of Collegeville, Pa., and Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., of Wadsworth, Ohio, were put in nomination for said professorship, when the nominations closed.

Revs. Reuben F. Shultz, Albert Gonser, Henry S. Bailey and George E. Metger were appointed tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result: Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super received fifty-three votes and Rev. Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, thirteen.

The election was then, on motion, made unanimous by a rising vote.

Whereupon the filling of the Professorship of Practical Theology was taken into further consiberation. It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the professor, to be elected to the Chair of Practical Theology, shall enter upon his duties as soon as arrangements are made by the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg Theological Seminary for his support.

Resolved, That the synod now proceed to the election by ballot.

Then, on motion, Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., was placed in nomination for Professor of Practical Theology, when the nominations closed.

The synod proceeded with the election, which resulted as follows: Rev. Dr. Swander received fifty-six votes, and there were cast eleven blanks.

On motion, the election was made unanimous by a rising vote.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk of synod be instructed to issue the calls to the Professors elect.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Vice President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Treasurer*, Alpha, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac Reiter, D. D., Mr. John D. Steele,
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.,
Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Rev. Reuben Keller,
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rev. James H. Steele,
Rev. John M. Kendig, Rev. Richard B. Reichard,
Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS AND OF EDUCATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Secretary and Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Executive Committee: Revs. Dr. H. Rust, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. A. S. Zerbe, R. Good, and Dr. L. H. Kefauver.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Rev. Isaac A. Sites,
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Prof. Charles O. Knepper.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. George H. Leonard, Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.,
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D., Rev. George H. Souder.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Rev. Emil P. Herbruck,
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., Rev. Reuben Good.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during morning session on Thursday, reported in item 6, that the attention of the Alumni of the Theological Seminary is called to the propriety of forming themselves into an association to meet annually in the interests of the seminary and to consider its wants. This item was laid on the table until a report shall be received from the said alumni. At the morning session on Monday, the Secretary of the Alumni Association submitted the following report, which was received, and together with item 6 having been taken up, adopted:

The members of the Alumni of the Theological Seminary who were in attendance at the last meeting of synod, were called together in the Reformed Church at Bluffton, Ind., on Saturday, October 4, 1890, at 4. P. M.

The association was organized by the election of Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, President, and Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Secretary.

1. A committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter and C. W. Good, was appointed to enroll the names of the Alumni of the Seminary.

2. A committee was also appointed to arrange a program for a suitable service at this meeting of synod, and to make known the time for holding this service.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE. H. LEONARD, *Secretary.*

On Friday evening, according to the program previously arranged, exercises of an interesting and clearly defined character were held under the auspices of the Alumni Association of Heidelberg Theological Seminary. Five appropriate topics, having a practical bearing on the interests and success of the seminary, were earnestly discussed and a deeper interest awakened in behalf of the seminary.

The officers of the Alumni Association for the ensuing year are: Rev. Reuben Keller, President, Rev. Reuben F. Shultz, Secretary, and Rev. George H. Souder, Treasurer.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

The following reports relating to the interests and work of the university were received, considered and adopted:

1. Report of the Board of Regents.

To the [illegible] Synod.

GE[illegible]EN AND BRETHREN:—Borne on the tide of time, another yea[illegible]ied activities and results has passed away, and according

to official requirement the annual report of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University is hereby submitted for your consideration.

The Board at its annual meeting at Tiffin, O., June 16, 1891, organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President, Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., Vice President, Rev. Harrison H. W. Hibshman D. D., Secretary, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver D. D., Treasurer.

The age in which we live, if not comparable with the epoch of art and literature in the time of Pericles, may be denominated as an era of intellectual activity, scientific investigation and material progress. The general march of mind is onward. The rapidity with which vital thought takes tangible form and inventions are introduced, is truly marvellous. The work of years, and of centuries, seem to be crowded into a day. The transforming power at work is far-reaching in its effects and results. The mind is being quickened and broadened, if not always deepened, and the cause of higher education is gaining advanced ground, under the vital force of expanding ideas, organized agencies, and helpful appliances, with special reference to the practical and economical side of life.

This is true not only of the educational activities of America, but also of those of Europe, where notable progress has been made in scientific research and educational enterprise, particularly under governmental provision and support. The one great feature noticable in the sphere of education everywhere, is that more stress is laid on *specialized lines* of research and work, with vastly extended appliances. There is a growing disposition manifested among eminent scholars to become *specialists*, and young men are more inclined than formerly to devote themselves to the study of specialties. But, while special lines of study are important and commendable, no one should fail to recognize the *relation* of a specialty to other branches of knowledge, if he desires to become a thorough and broad-minded scholar. Can a young man leap at one bound from the grammar school to the university, and neglect the intervening branches of study without detriment? After all may not the examples of many-sided men be necessary as effectual correctives of the one-sidedness of specialism?

And what of the university idea of education? As is well known, Heidelberg College confined its work to the legitimate sphere of the American College up to 1890, when its name was changed by legal authority to that of Heidelberg University, and it assumed university powers and work. And what is properly implied in the term university? The university, in its true sense, may be defined as a place where teaching of a high order is given in a wide range of subjects, covering the various departments of intellectual and ethical life, and putting men abreast of the fullest and most exact knowledge of the time or age.

Moreover the university idea, when intelligently apprehended,

properly developed and practically applied, tends to oneness of life, unification of sentiment, and concentration of effort in the great work of education, influencing the national mind and character. It also has given rise to the Post-Graduate Course, which is greatly on the increase everywhere, and becoming quite common throughout our country. And Heidelberg University, in order to keep pace with the spirit of progress and to encourage advanced study and original investigation, has established a Post-Graduate Department, covering the ground of Speculative Philosophy, Social and Political Science, Latin and Greek Languages and Literature, Modern Languages and Literature, Chemistry, Geology and Physics, requiring three years to complete the course and leading to the Degree of Ph. D.

Viewed in the light of the facts stated, is the movement of Heidelberg, in assuming an advanced position in the role of university ideas and activities, in the right direction and in the proper order of things? Considered as to object, aim and end, the answer must be, yes.

Heidelberg University, as contemplated in its corporate constitution, and in its general plan of government and instruction, is organized on the principle of affording opportunity for thorough and broad culture and exact scholarship on a Christian basis; of putting its work as far as possible under the departments with respective competent heads; of making each department an integral part of an organic whole with a general supervising head; of having system, order and efficiency established throughout; and of including in its course general, special and technical work, with the earnest endeavor of fully equipping and fitting young men and ladies for the varied responsibilities and activities of life. As such the institution commends itself to all who desire to obtain a really good or complete education.

But while the several interests and needs of all the different departments of the university are fully recognized and properly cared for, and their real importance emphasized, the fact remains to be borne in mind that in the management of the institution, the central and principal department is the College of Liberal Arts or Literary Department. And it is gratifying to know that in the addition of new departments in connection with its academic work, the university or college proper has steadily grown and made satisfactory progress, bearing a favorable comparison with other similar institutions. The course of study, being full and complete, including the Classical, the Scientific and the Literary, may also in the main be confidently compared with that of other American colleges and universities.

That Heidelberg University, in its several departments as far as regularly organized, is making commendable progress and doing satisfactory work, is evident from the fact that the Board of Regents

has been requested to enlarge the accommodations and increase the facilities for the prosecution of the educational work. Some changes and modifications have been made during the year in the internal working of the institution, and others are contemplated, all of which will tend to improve its facilities, increase its advantages and enlarge its power for the better execution of the work in hand.

The Academy or Preparatory Department, as to its importance and value, can hardly be over-estimated. It may be regarded as the vestibule to the main structure of learning. Its work is fundamental to the success of the institution.

It is therefore true wisdom to keep it thoroughly organized and in good working condition, and as far as possible to prepare our own students for the college classes. The work in the Academy is well arranged and systematically prosecuted. The plan of study embraces the three courses, each leading to the corresponding course in the Collegiate or Literary Department. In this way the Academy, according to its main design, properly prepares students for the Freshman Class, and this work it is successfully accomplishing.

The past university year, with a little exception growing out of the undefined and incompleted condition of things attendant upon the transition of the institution from "College" to "University," was one of orderly bearing and submissive acquiescence to constituted authority, as well as of faithful work and good results. The aggregate attendance of students, according to the last annual catalogue, was 368 which was the largest in the history of the institution.

The opening of the fall term, September 3, has been very favorable and the indications are that this will be a prosperous and successful year. The enrollment of new students in the Literary Department is 85. The Seniors number 30, Juniors 27, Sophomores 26 and Freshmen 43, being in the aggregate 124, and in the Academy 71, making the total 197. The total enrollment of the university including all the departments is as follows: Literary Department (including College and Academy) 197, Business 7, Art School 16, Conservatory of Music 37, Polytechnic 3, Post Graduates 9, and Theological Seminary 17, being a total of 286. These facts are full of interest and encouragement.

Furthermore, the professors and teachers, after an enjoyable vacation, are again at their posts and doing efficient work. A good spirit prevails in the Faculty, and they are laboring harmoniously together to promote the common welfare. The students as a body are earnest and industrious, and their general deportment is excellent; while they, as a rule, manifest respect to their instructors, earnestness in the prosecution of their studies, and devotion to the pursuit of high and honorable ends. The Young Men's Christian Association, being well organized and active in duty, with a disposition to advance the

cause of truth and righteousness, feel encouraged in their labors, and anticipate a blessed year's work of divine grace.

The importance of Christian education over against that which is merely secular, is fully emphasized by the institution, and due prominence is given to religion, apart from which all scientific culture is of little real value. To this end, in addition to the established order of religious and devotional service, the Academic Faculty has taken special action requesting all students who are confirmed members of the church in the home congregations to transfer their membership by letter to one of the congregations in Tiffin. This request is to be specially applicable to members of the Reformed Church. The earnest attention of the synod is directed to this particular action of the Faculty, with the recommendation that the synod give a formal deliverance thereon.

The vacancy in the presidency of the literary department of the university, referred to in the last annual report, was filled on the part of the Board of Regents December 9, 1890, by the unanimous election of Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., who is not only a gentleman of acknowledged qualifications and high Christian character, but a worthy successor of his venerable predecessor. He entered upon the duties of the office at the opening of the spring term, March 18, 1891, and was formally inaugurated during commencement week in "Rickly Chapel" on Thursday, June 18, 1891. On that occasion he took the oath of office and delivered his Inaugural Address, having for its theme, "Growth Through Culture." It was a scholarly production, clear in statement and excellent in tone, conveying the idea that real worth comes through honest, faithful, steady work. His administration having commenced auspiciously is giving general satisfaction and proving successful.

The matter relating to the office of the Chancellorship, referred by the synod at its last annual meeting to the Board of Regents for "investigation and action," (Min. p. 70), was duly considered by the Board and disposed of by such action as was deemed "best for the interests of the university and the church." The office subsequently became vacant, as may be noted here.

During the annual meeting of the Board of Regents in June, 1891, Rev. John Kost, D. D., LL.D., Chancellor of the University, having meanwhile faithfully and earnestly discharged his official duties, tendered (for the third time) his resignation of the several positions he held in the University. As the Board however could not see its way clear to relieve him of all service in the institution, it only accepted that part of his resignation relating to the office of Chancellor, and retained him as President of the Polytechnic Department, and also elected him as Curator of the Museum, for which position he is eminently qualified. The office of Chancellor was left vacant for the

present university year, but the President of the Literary Department was authorized to take general supervision of the several departments, and to preside at the Faculty meetings and the Commencement exercises.

Prof. Edwin R. Williard, A. M., the Baughman Professor of the Latin Language and Literature and Biblical Instruction, which position he filled since 1888 with acceptance and efficiency, desiring to re-enter the regular pastorate, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Board, June 17, 1891. Thereupon Prof. Cornelius Marshall Lowe, A. M., of Wheaton College, heretofore professorially connected with Heidelberg College, was unanimously elected to said Professorship. He is not only possessed of scholarly attainments and well equipped for the duties of the position, but his election gives general satisfaction. He entered upon his work at the beginning of the fall term with encouraging prospects of usefulness and success.

The "President's House," which had been unoccupied for about a year, and meanwhile tending to dilapidation and decay, was thoroughly renovated and repaired during last summer, making it a comfortable and convenient home for the President and family. Some other repairs and improvements are contemplated on the premises. The business department is to be provided with an additional room for the accommodation of more students. And for reasons of sanitary purposes sewer connections will be made as speedily as possible.

The Polytechnic Department, under the efficient supervision of President Kost, together with his associates, is in successful operation and doing excellent work. In intimate connection therewith is "The American Sculpture and Supply Company," which is engaged in manufacturing school appliances for object teaching, and affords ample opportunity to students to become practically familiar with objects in the science of Paleontology and Natural History.

The Museum, in regard to which no material change has taken place, remains about in the same condition as reported a year ago. This is mainly owing to the want of a proper building. The prospect however, now is that this want will soon be supplied. Measures to this affect were taken by the Board at its last annual meeting. A plan, together with specifications, for a Museum Building, was adopted in lieu of the one proposed the year previous. Dr. Swander did not only pay for the drawings, but pledged $1,000 towards the building, which is to cost about $7,000. Since then, without any extra expense, it has been decided to so change the plan as to make the building two stories high and thus adapt it for the use of the Museum and a Gymnasium. The building can be occupied for this double purpose without detriment, and it will be a saving of expense and of space on the campus. A committee of five has been appointed with

instruction to go forward with the erection of the building as soon as two-thirds of the money required for its construction be secured. Considerable funds are already pledged, and the success of the project is assured. Thus ample accommodations will be provided for the Museum and a good Gymnasium for the students in the near future.

It has been generally felt for some time that the Library of the Institution should be increased, and be so located and arranged as to make it more directly and positively useful to all concerned. It is therefore gratifying to be able to state to the synod that a new interest has been awakened in this respect, and which is bringing about the desired results. The plan proposed and adopted is to consolidate the several libraries belonging to the university, the societies and the seminary; to transfer the books from the room in the dormitory of the old building to a well-adapted room on the first floor in the new building; to properly fit up and furnish this room for the united library and for a reading room; and to prepare a complete catalogue and have each volume indexed for easy reference. The work has been going on with vigor for some months and is now about completed. The united library will contain over 8,000 volumes, and be placed under the care of an efficient librarian. This library room will be made an attractive place for all students who desire to improve their leisure hours in reading and investigation, under proper authoritative rules and regulations.

The financial condition of the university is good, and its liabilities have been met with more or less regularity. The endowment fund since the rendering of the last annual report to synod, has been increased $1,010 from the sale of scholarships. Notes, amounting to $2,275, bearing six per cent. interest, executed by different persons at different dates, have been paid and invested at seven per cent. on good security. There was a small deficiency in the income to meet the current and incidental expenses, but the prospect is that this will be cancelled during the present university year.

Taking all things into due consideration, there is much to inspire continued confidence and mutual co-operation in our educational work, and to lead us to "thank God and take courage" for the future. The university is well equipped and amply prepared to do thorough and satisfactory work. This should not only be encouraging to the friends and patrons of the institution, but impress all concerned that it deserves the generous support of the church and demands the attendance of our sons and daughters seeking the advantages of higher education. There is indeed much to commend and recommend Heidelberg University in its advanced position to young gentlemen and ladies desiring to obtain a liberal education.

Moreover the university, having remained true to its original purpose, is meeting the expectation of its founders, not only in intel-

lectual training, but also in a moral and religious point of view. It is therefore with a spirit of pride that we refer to the fact that the education imparted is fundamentally Christian, and that many of the graduates have entered the calling of the gospel ministry, and are rendering valuable service and successful work for the Divine Master, and for the extension of His kingdom. Hence the church in giving generously is benefited in return by the labors and influence of those to whom she furnished the means and privilege of a thorough discipline of mind and of molding the heart. And as the institution continues in the interest of Christian education, it surely deserves the hearty and liberal support of the church in the present and the future.

Finally, notwithstanding the university during the past year has realized under divine favor the sunshine and blessing of health and prosperity, we have to record in sorrow the death of Elder Andrew H. Baughman, who was for many years a faithful member of the Board of Regents, and endowed the Baughman Professorship of the Latin language and Literature and Biblical instruction, as well as a sincere friend in various ways of our institutions. While we express our grief at his departure from our midst, we will ever gratefully cherish his memory, in which we feel assured the synod will heartily unite with the Board.

In behalf of the Board of Regents,

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President of the Board of Regents.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report, which was received, and together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your committee would report:

That the only document placed in our hands is the report of the Board of Regents of the University. That able and scholarly paper was carefully examined. In this period of transition the synod has been no idle spectator. It has watched the transfer with prayerful interest and deep anxiety. It rejoices in the signal and continued growth and prosperity of the University.

The aggregate attendance of students last year in all departments was 368, the largest number in the history of the institution. The new year opens auspiciously. The enrollment of new students in the Literary Department is eighty-five; the whole number in attendance is 286. The Faculty has been greatly strengthened by the election of Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, to the Presidency of the Literary Department of the University and of Prof. C. M. Lowe, A. M., to the Chair

of Latin Language and Literature, and Biblical Instruction, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. E. R. Williard. Dr. J. Kost at his own request was relieved of the arduous duties of the Chancellorship, but was elected Curator of the Museum.

The Polytechnic department under the efficient supervision of President Kost, together with his associates, is doing excellent work.

We hail with gladness the accession of these new professors and this synod will give them its cordial support.

The financial condition and management of the university are in a normal condition. In the language of the report:

The university is well equipped and amply prepared to do thorough and satisfactory work. It deserves the generous support of the church and challenges the attention of our sons and daughters seeking the advantages of higher Christian education.

Your committee recommends

1.) That the synod comply with the request of the Faculty and enjoin all students, members of the Reformed Church, who enter and attend the University, to transfer their membership to one of the Reformed Churches of Tiffin.

2.) That the new building project for museum and gymnasium be commended to the patronage of the church.

3.) That the action of the Board constituting a Post Graduate Course be noted with satisfaction and the attention of the alumni and friends be specially called to it.

4.) That synod hereby again pledges its prayers, sympathy and financial support to the university.

5.) That it is with heartfelt sorrow, we record the death of Elder A. H. Baughman, a member of the Board of Regents, and a liberal patron of the university, in the endowment of the Chair of Latin Language and Literature and Biblical Instruction.

6.) That a suitable service of memorial be held in his honor during the sessions of this synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD D. WETTACH, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That instead of a memorial service by synod, as recommended in the last item in the report of the Standing Committee on Heidelberg University, the Stated Clerk of synod be instructed to make a brief record *in memoriam* of the deceased brother in the minutes.

IV. ELECTION OF REGENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D., *Vice President*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Acting Treasurer, Tiffin, Ohio.

Executive Committee.—Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Mr. Benjamin F. Myers and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
Rev. Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Mr. Horace Ankeney.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.
Mr. William E. Schmertz.
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D.D.
Rev. George H. Leonard.
Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks, D. D.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.
Rev. John M. Kendig.
Mr. Samuel S. Rickly.
James H. Platt, Esq.

Members whose term expires October, 1895.

Rev. John I. Swander, D. D.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.
Mr. Irvin Yost.
Mr. James C. Reber.
Mr. Victor P. Van Horne.

During the morning session on Saturday, Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, President of the Literary Department of Heidelberg University, stated that it had been decided to introduce the new "Reformed Church Hymnal" in the religious services of the university, requiring a supply of about 100 copies, and that a part of the funds for this purpose had been provided, but that there were yet $50.00 wanting to complete the purchase. In view of this, he asked for voluntary contributions from members of synod, which was readily responded to. Prof. H. B. Adams, the Principal of the Conservatory of Music, was present and received the money, and the desired amount was raised. The introduction of the new Hymnal is regarded as a movement in the right direction, and meets with general approbation.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Orphans' Homes.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Friday afternoon session, reported in item 1 that a letter was received from the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, accompanied with resolutions by the Pittsburgh Synod, commending this home to the church. At the same time Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of said Home, being present, addressed the synod in regard to its condition and claims. The subject matter of the item and of the address was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. S. B. Yockey, A. H. Zechiel, D. A. Parks, and Elders Wm. H. Kees and John Hahn.

This committee, during Saturday afternoon session, submitted their report which was received and adopted:

The special committee on the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa., would submit the following report:

The dependent condition of the orphans has never appealed in vain to the warm heart of the Reformed Church; for her well sustained Orphans' Homes are very dear to her and are her just pride. The generous support she has given these charitable institutions has made her history lustrous with glory, and now, as her work enlarges in many directions, surely these will not be forgotten.

This synod has listened with much gratification to an address from Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa., especially since it learns that the moral and spiritual condition is such as to commend to the confidence of the entire church.

It is a matter of great regret that because the State of Pennsylvania, withdrew her patronage, and this not because her children, (soldier's orphans,) did not receive proper care, for she generously complimented the condition of the home, but for other reasons—the home has been crippled in her financial resources. Synod trusts that this will be but an additional reason for the church to give a more cordial support, and in the very near future supply every need. We confidently recommend the following:

Resolved, That synod reposes implicit confidence in the management of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Resolved, That all our congregations be earnestly requested to take at least one collection during the year in behalf of the Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

Resolved, That the Orphan Homes of the church be remembered in the prayers of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the Friday afternoon session, reported in item 4 that a communication was received from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, together with his annual report. The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. K. Zartman, J. W. Barber and Elder George S. Stein.

This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee to whom were referred papers from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church, would report as follows:

Having examined the papers in hand, your committee finds that the society is doing a commendable work, and should receive a more liberal support of the church.

The following resolutions are recommended for synod's action:

Resolved, That this society is hereby commended to the liberality of the church, and that the attention of the different classes, pastors and churches be called to the wants of this society and its support.

Resolved, That in compliance with the wish of the society the treasurer's report, as herewith presented by your committee, be incorporated in the printed minutes of synod.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers, in compliance with its request, present for the information of the church and for record in the minutes of synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending with September 30, 1891:

Exhibit of Receipts and Expenditures as they Relate to the Ohio Synod.

RECEIPTS.

Miami Classis	$81 73	
Eastern Ohio Classis	43 61	
Lancaster Classis	35 44	
Tiffin Classis	6 07	
		$166 85

EXPENDITURES.

Eastern Ohio Classis	$80 00	
Tiffin Classis	75 00	
St. Joseph's Classis	50 00	
Miami Classis	25 00	
		$230 00

RECEIPTS IN GENERAL.

Cash on hand as per last report	$1,832 64	
" received from interest	3,829 21	
" " " collections	1,684 82	
" " " donations	366 66	
" " " miscellaneous sources	106 29	
		$7,819 62

EXPENDITURES IN GENERAL.

Cash paid investment	$2,000 00	
" " thirty-four annuitants	1,771 67	
" " for expenses	67 44	
" " in treasury	3,980 51	
		$7,819 62
Invested fund		$25,588 00

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN K. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 2 that a communication was received from Prof. T. H. Sonnedecker and Rev. J. H. Bomberger in the interest of the "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor." The item was adopted and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. J. M. Gruber, Wm. A. From and Elder Samuel Muskopf.

This committee, during the Monday morning session, submitted the subjoined report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Inasmuch as the Y. P. S. C. E. has done much good for the young people of our church, and awakened a new interest in the spiritual welfare of the young people, and that the testimony of many pastors fully justify this work; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend this society to the earnest consideration of all our pastors and request them to carefully investigate its claims, methods and actual workings with reference to its introduction into their midst.

Resolved, That the classes as far as practical appoint classical organizers to systematically push the work forward.

Resolved, That as soon as convenient this synod open a column in the statistical report in order to record its numerical strength.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to arrange a course of reading covering the history, polity and doctrine of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. M. GRUBER, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the members of the Faculty of Heidelberg Theological Seminary constitute the committee called for in item 4 in the report of the special committee on the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, soon after the opening of the morning session on Monday, reported in item 6 that a communication was received from Rev. Rufus W. Miller, President of the Executive Council of the "Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip." The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Elder Victor P. Van Horne, Revs. R. B. Reichard and Wm. A. From.

This committee, during the same session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the overture from the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, finds it to be a communication to the synod appointing V. P. Van Horne of Dayton, Ohio, as Synodical Secretary, and commending him to the synod for the promotion of Brotherhood work. It also gives him authority to appoint corresponding members in the various classes. It expresses respect and greetings for this reverend body, assures it of obedience to church authority, and asks that prayerful consideration be given to work for and by young men.

Your committee would respectfully ask that the appointment of a Synodical Secretary by the Executive Council be recognized, and that the various classes be requested to appoint some minister or elder with whom correspondence can be held in the interest of the Brotherhood. Also,

Resolved, That we regard the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip as a potent means for developing the spiritual activities of our young men, and for the spread of the gospel among young men throughout our church, and that it be commended to the pastors of the synod as an agency that can be made very helpful in many charges.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. REICHARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND CO-LABORERS IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK OF THE CHURCH AND SYNOD: It gives no small degree of pleasure to bring you "good tidings of great joy" from the Sunday-school field of our synod. We come up to the feast this year from the schools as well as churches with such a full measure of inspiration as we trust may prove a source of hope and comfort and a very helpful means of grace

to us in the good work of the Lord for the future. The year has by no means been an unfruitful one but rather an unusual season of activity and ingathering.

Along with the bountiful harvests, trees bending in fruitage, hills and valleys covered with God's blessing, smiling upon us as we have stepped from one to the other, moving the grateful and believing soul to devoutest praise to Almighty God, there have also come to us higher and better causes for Christian joy in the enlarged fruitfulness of our service for Christ, and as we have observed no more abundantly than in our Sunday-school work.

The Board in session during the synod at Bluffton, re-elected Rev. A. E. Baichly, President, and elected V. P. Van Horne, Secretary. At that session it also arranged with the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, to furnish the schools with Christmas and Children's Day services which they have done.

No necessity seeming to arise for another meeting during the year none was therefore held.

From reports that have come from official sources into our hands and others that have been published in the church papers, we are assured that the Sunday-school work has received a goodly share of attention and brought forth very flattering results. God's hand has been very marked in leading the children to Christ. 823 members of the school having professed religion during the year as compared with 751 last year. Here is to be found the real encouragement in our work and by this is to be measured the real good and strength of this department of the church's service. May God still continue to add his blessing upon this kind of soul-winning to Christ from year to year.

Conventions were held in all the classes. Programmes of Miami, Lancaster, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph Classes accompany this report. The programmes are all well selected, and give evidence of much care and interest, and where carried out must certainly have resulted in imparting much information and eliciting a large degree of interest.

In this connection we cannot fail to speak of a circular letter of instructions sent out by Lancaster Classis to schools and delegations in advance of their convention, which accomplished good as attested by the convention afterwards. This circular pleases us very much and we believe would produce splendid results if followed by all the classes. It will be found in the hands of the Committee on Sunday-schools, appointed by the synod and we would be glad if you would all examine it.

The reports required by synod from the Secretaries of conventions, were received from but three classes, viz: Lancaster, Eastern Ohio, and Tiffin. From these and private inquiries as to the remainder, we learn that the conventions were well attended and full of interest.

Lancaster Classis reports its convention as having grown in membership from fifteen in 1888 to thirty-two in 1891, with ten out of their twelve or thirteen ministers present; the only classis that reports so full an attendance of pastors as would satisfy this synod's repeated action on this subject.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of classis held a meeting in the same place and week with thirty-two delegates present.

Eastern Ohio Classis reports 140 delegates present, all the charges represented and twenty-two schools out of twenty-seven. Tiffin Classis also offers a very encouraging report as do all the others upon the condition of the work and the more than average prosperity it has enjoyed. These conventions are a tower of strength to this cause when properly nurtured and this synod should continue to encourage and legislate strongly in their support, that pastors and Sunday-school workers all over the church should be induced to lay hold.

Children's Day and other special services and festivals we learn were generally observed with much interest and good results. The services, authorized by the Board to be prepared and published by the Reformed Publishing Company of Dayton, have been generally used, meeting with large sale. The Board recommends the schools of the synod to use services prepared in our own church rather than outside preparations, or even such as may be prepared in the schools.

What the financial aggregate was in connection with Children's Service we are unable to report, as the synod has not as yet devised a way (as have other churches) by which this aggregate might appear, though the Board last year suggested a plan of which the Committee on Sunday-schools, took no cognizance. We respectfully refer the synod to last year's report of the Board and repeat the suggestion as to the securing of the aggregate amount of contributions lifted on Children's Day.

We notice another matter in this connection and that is, that from the printed reports in the church papers, it pleased many of our schools to apply their Children's Day funds to other purposes than Beneficiary Education, as requested by synod last year, and this notwithstanding the Beneficiary Board sent out a circular in advance, reminding us of this request, stating its pressing needs and appealing for these collections.

We ask synod to again designate an object to which next year's collections at this service shall be devoted, and affectionately urge the Sunday-schools to acquiesce in the spirit of lawful submission, and we express the hope that in next year's report we shall be able to mention the entire amount in bulk or from each classis, through some plan devised by this synod, and the co-operation of pastors, superintendents and others, that there might appear a glorious stimulus to increased activity and liberality to us and our schools, upon the principle of "more and better" each year than last.

We learn further from the reports that few schools use the catechism and perhaps fewer hold teachers' meetings. The venerated catechism should not be allowed to fall into disuse while providence seems to be favoring us with his blessing the Sunday-school. The latter in our church must not drive out the former, but should supplement and complement each other. Teachers' meetings have much strength in developing good class work and effectual impression of the Word. This synod should recommend to all the schools where possible, the organization and holding of regular teachers' meetings.

We have but to say further that we have been regularly supplied by General Synod's Board with well prepared Literature, which we believe is more generally used than ever and where it is not, this synod and the church should say that it must be, and to express the conviction that our schools, our people, our children, are becoming more churchly and church-loving and that the relation between the Sunday-school and the church is assuming more its normal and legal form, with less of friction and upheaval, the school more in the church and the church more in the school than ever before.

Dear brethren, let us pray that God's greatest pleasure may rest upon this work and his divinest blessing upon his workmen until the crowning day, that is promised and is coming by and by, shall bring to us the joy of a work well done and a crown well won.

We recommend that the statistic table with its notes attached be published in the Minutes of Synod.

The synod is hereby notified that the terms of Revs. Emil P. Herbruck and Alpheus E. Baichly expire on this Board with this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY, *President.*

II. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of Sunday-school Board of Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., for the year ending October 7, 1891.

NAME OF CLASSIS.	REMARKS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Months Held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of Members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Collections for use of School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.	Do you hold Teachers' Meetings?		Do you study the Catechism in the S. S.?	
												yes.	no.	yes.	no.
Miami	A very incomplete report; 15 to 18 schools are unreported, and many others imperfectly. Schools from following charges unreported: Cæsar Creek, Union, Winchester, Tremont City, Valley, Zion, Swander's, Bethel, Elk.	32	12	3300	375	3675	137	150	1475	$1,788	$323	6	9	2	14
Lancaster	Delaware, North Union, Thornville and Zion Charges, having eight schools in all, are not reported by stated clerk.	19	12	1658	215	1873	84	. .	799	710	147	4	4	1	7
Tuscarawas . . .	A very complete roll of the schools, but incompletely filled blanks. I have taken this report from the convention abstract, in part. The report is to be commended in many particulars. A loss of one school from last year.	40	11½	4371	458	3627	221	1932	1450	1,740	527	11	26	7	30
Tiffin	A report comes from all the schools with blanks fairly filled. A loss of one school from last year.	28	11½	2671	333	3004	57	362	1397	1,107	233	17	11	6	6
Eastern Ohio . . .	This is one of the fullest reports, representing three schools more than last year.	27	11½	2691	341	3032	134	700	525	778	378	4	7	8	3
St. Joseph	This report contains all schools to our best information, unless it should be from the Winamac Charge, and reports three more than last year.	34	11¾	2688	464	3157	190	1055	1147	1,033	184	7	30	7	27
	Totals	180	11½	17379	2186	18378	823	4199	6801	$7,156	$1,792	46	83	31	87

NOTES, AND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

This report, owing to incomplete figures secured by our best endeavor, does not in most particulars represent the full strength of our Sunday-school interests. For instance, there are at least twenty-five schools, and perhaps more, in the synod, which, if reported, would materially enlarge the columns in each particular. Likewise each of these columns would be increased if those reporting would take the pains to carefully fill each column.

This state of things is due in part to the indifference of Sunday-school secretaries, in part to that of pastors, and partly to the want of care and effort on the part of stated clerks. In justice to the church and our case this should not exist.

Here is given a statement of this year's report compared with last:

YEAR.	No. of Schools.	No. of Months Held.	Total No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Officers and Teachers Enrolled.	Total Enrollment of Schools.	No. of Members of School Professing Religion during the year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of Copies of S. S. Papers taken per Week.	Collections for use of School.	Collections for Benevolent Purposes.
1890.	195	11	18,431	2,553	21,182	751	4,808	8,991	$6,519	$2,162
1891.	180	11⅓	17,379	2,186	18,378	823	4,199	6,801	$7,156	$1,792
	Loss		Loss	Loss	Loss	Gain	Loss	Loss	Gain	Loss
	15		1,052	367	2,804	72	609	2,190	$637	$370

We believe there has been an actual growth by an encouraging percentage, but these careless figures represent otherwise, and are humiliating.

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools would report as follows:

The report of the Sunday-school Board was the only document referred to us. This, so far as the preparation of the same by the board is concerned, is full and satisfactory, although matters reported from the general field of work are varied. There are signs of progress and signs of retrogression, matters to rejoice over and matters to deplore. In the main, however, the conclusions of the board that the year has by no means been an unfruitful one but rather an unusual season of activity and ingathering is correct.

Conventions were held in all classes and Children's Day services quite generally observed and all with a high degree of success and satisfaction.

From the report we gather the following items, and suggest the following actions:

1. That the holding of conventions and Children's Day services be continued and that these movements be inaugurated where nothing has been done hitherto.

2. In case of Children's Day, schools are requested to use the service prepared by the church.

3. In order to secure the aggregate amount of the Children's Day collections, we recommend that pastors be instructed to report the amounts to the treasurers of the respective classes, who in turn shall report to the Sunday-school Board of the Synod.

4. With reference to the object to which Children's Day collections are to be devoted, we recommend that this matter be referred to the classes to consider and decide for their respective fields.

5. That the teaching of the catechism shall be attended to in the schools as far as practicable.

6. That our schools use the lesson helps prepared by General Synod's Board.

7. That the statistical table furnished by the board be published in full in the Minutes of Synod.

8. That the report of the board be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman.*

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, *President*, Farmersville, Ohio.
Mr. Victor P. Van Horne, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Edwin R. Williard. Rev. William H. Shults.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. George H. Leonard. Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of this synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OHIO SYNOD.

Officers of Board.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Horace Ankeney, *Secretary*, Alpha, Ohio.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns, *Treasurer*, Dayton, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Horace Ankeney.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Dr. David C. Lichliter. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Mr. Albert L. Shearer. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

THE CASE OF ELDER SAMUEL MUSKOPF.

During the morning session on Thursday, Elder Samuel Muskopf of the Navarre Charge, Tuscarawas Classis, appeared in synod without regular credentials and asked the privilege of occupying a seat as a delegated elder from said charge. The question was raised, is he entitled to a seat under existing circumstances? After considerable discussion, a motion prevailed to refer his case to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. I. Swander, S. L. Runkel, F. Ware, and Elders N. L. Brewer and Henry R. Meizer.

This committee, after the opening of the morning session on Friday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee appointed to consider the case of Elder Samuel Muskopf would respectfully report; that his right to his seat in this synod is without reasonable question, the Stated Clerk of Tuscarawas Classis having testified that the said Samuel Muskopf was enrolled as a member of said classis upon credentials showing his election by the consistory to attend the sessions of both synod and classis during the present classical year, and his name having been shown upon the printed minutes of Tuscarawas Classis.

Respectfully submittee,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *Chairman.*

THE CASE OF ELDER PHILIP RIEHM.

At the opening of the morning session on Saturday, Elder Philip Riehm of the Fort Seneca Charge, Tiffin Classis, appeared in synod

without regular credentials, and after some discussion his case was referred to the same committee raised in the case of Elder Samuel Muskopf. The committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee in the case of Elder Philip Riehm would respectfully report; that he is clearly entitled to his seat in this synod. His right was made clear by his own statements, corroborated by the statement of Rev. Israel Rothenberger, that he wrote the credentials certifying the election of Elder Philip Riehm by the Joint Consistory to represent the Fort Seneca Charge in all the classical and synodical meetings to be held during the present classical year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Standing Committees are often hindered or prevented from properly attending to their duties in good time, from the fact that certain needed reports of Boards are delayed or withheld from the committees; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presidents of the Boards of Regents of Heidelberg University, of Trustees and of Visitors of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, of Sunday-schools, of Missions, of Church Erection, of Publication, and of all Treasurers, be and hereby are instructed to have their annual reports prepared and ready to present them at the first morning session of synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports relating to the interests of publication were received, considered and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board would respectfully submit its annual report:

It is now forty-three years since the first issue of a Reformed Church paper in the west. Remarkable as have been the last fifty years in point of progress, the Reformed publication interests have made corresponding progress. The sainted Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., who is said to have been the inspiring power in starting the paper as its first editor, could not have anticipated more in so short a time. And Rev. Theodore P. Bucher who is said to have changed the name of our paper from *Western Missionary,* to that of *Christian World,* could not have over-estimated the now realized practical benefits in this part of the Christian church.

The relation which our publishing company holds to the Ohio Synod, modifies very much our report. But while the relation relieves the synod from some part of the anxiety attending the finances of the company, we probably should look forward to such change of relation as will make the people of the church to feel more deeply interested, not only in the character of the paper, and publications generally, but equally anxious for success financially.

The publishing company reports to your board that the last year has been an unusually busy year, requiring additions to the press room of some of the modern improvements to facilitate labor.

We present to you as items of interest:

1.) That the Sunday-school literature is being still more widely circulated and more highly appreciated.

2.) The subscriptions to the church literature is being more promptly paid.

3.) The board expresses its pleasure of learning of the contemplated change in the form of the *Christian World* to that of an octavo.

4.) It is of interest to our synod to know that the publishing company enlarges its operations to the publishing of books, among which is the late work *The Invisible World.*

5.) A Christmas Praise Service is being prepared which will undoubtedly be suitable to a proper celebration of the festival.

6.) The new music book *Fair as the Morning,* by Prof. J. H. Kurtzenknabe has had a large sale by the publishing house and it is hereby commended to the Sabbath-schools of Ohio Synod.

The publishing company earnestly requests that the pastors of synod contribute more generously to the columns of the *Christian World,* thus giving more church news.

The publishers express a desire in have the different departments of church work represented in the paper after the plan of the "Y. P. S. C. E." as now conducted in the *Christian World.*

The publishers respectfully ask that the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod, be informed that they desire their society to appoint some one to condnct a column in the *Christian World* in the interests of their society and their work.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Friday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the board, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Publication would respectfully offer the following report:

The documents submitted to us are the report of the Board of Publication, an item from the Minutes of the Eastern Ohio Classis, and a volume of "College Chapel Sermons" by Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin.

From the report of the Board of Publication we learn that the Reformed Publishing House, located at Dayton, O., following in the line heretofore pursued, contemplates a number of important changes and improvements in its work of developing a wholesome Reformed literature. We note with pleasure that the *Christian World*, though already a very welcome, and indeed indispensable visitor throughout the church, is to undergo a transformation from the quarto to the octavo form, at least if the movement receives sufficient endorsement to warrant the additional expense. We are further gratified to notice that the Sunday-school publications, which are prepared and published with great care and at considerable expense, exert a very considerable influence in moulding our denominational life, and should be introduced into our Sunday-schools with as little delay as possible. Their influence in cultivating and encouraging a careful study of God's Word is very great, and all proper efforts should be made to use them in Reformed Sunday-schools. We note also that the publishing house is extending its field of operations by the publication of useful and instructive books. We learn further that the editors of the *Christian World* cheerfully offer their columns not only for the publication of church news, but especially for the presentation and discussion of subjects bearing on the life, history, doctrines and practices of the Reformed Church, as well as on any other religious topic of current interest.

Your committee would therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the *Christian World* and the Sunday-school publications be commended again to the favorable notice of the church, and that we, as a synod, pledge ourselves to use our influence to secure a wider circulation for these periodicals.

Resolved, That we rejoice to hear of the contemplated movement to change the *Christian World* to an octavo form, and that we urge all our ministers and people to aid in increasing the circulation of the *Christian World*, in order to contribute toward meeting the expense of the proposed improvement.

Resolved, That the attention of the ministers of synod be directed to the importance of utilizing the columns of the *Christian World* for the publication of timely and suggestive articles on our denominational life and doctrines, as also on other Christian topics of public interest.

An item in the Minutes of the Eastern Ohio Classis containing certain comments on the new Hymnal was referred to us for examination; but as the consideration of the Hymnal is not formally or really before this committee, no copy having been placed in our

hands, your committee do not deem it advisable to enter into the merits of the case, but would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That in the matter relating to the character of the binding of "The Reformed Church Hymnal," the Eastern Ohio Classis be directed to address itself directly to the publishers of the Hymnal.

There was placed in the hands of this committee a small volume entitled "College Chapel Sermons," by the late Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., LL.D., former President of Franklin and Marshall College. These sermons, covering in the main the period between the years 1868 and 1872, are edited by Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., from his own notes taken at the time of delivery. It is needless to say that the volume is rich in thought, chaste and forcible in expression, and stimulating to a degree far surpassing the average order of chapel sermons. We cheerfully commend it to the attention of the Christian public, and of all thoughtful and serious minds.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN S. ZERBE, *Chairman*.

In regard to the overture contained in the last paragraph of the report of the Board of Publication, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inform the President of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of the desire and willingness of the Reformed Publishing Company to open a column for its use in the *Christian World*, and that the society appoint some one to take charge of the same.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. James H. Steele, *President*, Alpha, Ohio.
Rev. Richard B. Reichard, *Secretary*, Greenville, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1892.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

Members whose term expires October, 1893.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1894.

Rev. James H. Steele. Rev. Charles E. Miller.

IV. REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

In accordance with the instruction of the synod, referred to in item 9 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, it is hereby reported that the undersigned had 1,800 copies of the official minutes of the last annual sessions of synod published, and distributed the same to those entitled to receive them.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to have 1,800 copies of the minutes of the present meeting of synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute the same among the several classes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society be embodied in the printed Minutes of the Ohio Synod, and that this be a permanent arrangement.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports were received and claimed the attention of synod, and were adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

L. H. KEEAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

MIAMI CLASSIS.

DR.

Received of Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treas., on apportionment of 1889 . . .	$ 60 00	
" " " " " " " " 1890 . . .	92 00	$152 00

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Received of Rev. J. A. Seitz, Treas. on apportionment of 1888	5 25	
" " " " " " " " 1889	42 16	47 41

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Received of Elder E. K. Kremer, Treas. on apportionment of 1890 . .		175 65

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Received of Rev. J. D. Neff, Treas., on apportionment of 1890	54 59	
" " I. A. Sites, " " " " " in full	32 25	86 84

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Received of Rev. I. S. Hahn, Treas. on apportionment of 1890	35 00	
" " A. Gonser, " " " " "	39 89	74 89
Amount carried forward		$536 79

Amount brought forward		$536 79

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Received of Elder Ben. Ashbaucher, Treas., on apportionment of 1889,	73 00	
" " " " " " " " " 1890,	94 96	167 96
Total receipts	$704 75	
On hand October 2, 1890		613 86
		$1,318 61

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Paid Rev. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk on salary for 1890 and 1891	75 00	
" for writing paper, etc., for use of synod	1 15	
" for printing ballots	1 00	
" sexton Reformed Church at Bluffton, Ind	10 00	
" C. G. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod	294 15	
" for recording book and writing paper	80	
" for two packs satmped envelopes	1 10	
" Stated Clerk for printing and mailing minutes	248 40	
" Rev. F. W. Stump, missionary, per order of synod	92 28	
" Rev. J. W. Barber, " " " "	101 21	
" Rev. F. M. Shults, " " " "	109 27	
" Rev. A. K. Zartman, " " " "	97 24	1,031 60
In treasury October 7, 1891		287 00
		$1,318 61

DELINQUENT CLASSES.

Miami, 1890	$115 28
Lancaster, 1889	8 84
Lancaster, 1890	101 99
Eastern Ohio, 1890	54 29
Amount of indebtedness	280 40

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, and as amended, together with the report of the Treasurer, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following:

The following amounts have been apportioned: $502.80 for contingent expenses of Ohio Synod; $2,011.20 for beneficiary education; $2,011.20 for church erection; $7,541.49 for Home Missions; $301.67 for Hungarian Missions, and $950.30 for professor in the seminary. The apportionment among the several classes is as follows:

CLASSES.	Members.	Synodical Contingent Fund. 2½ cts. per member.	Beneficiary Education. 10 cts. per member.	Church Erection Fund. 10 cts. per member.	Home Missions. 37½ cts. per member.	Professor in the Seminary. 4¾ cts. per member.	Hungarian Missions. 1½ cts. per member.
Miami	5,204	$130 10	$520 40	$520 40	$1,951 50	$247 19	$78 06
Tuscarawas	4,461	111 53	446 10	446 10	1,672 87	211 90	66 91
Eastern Ohio	3,312	82 80	331 20	331 20	1,242 00	157 32	49 68
Lancaster	2,521	63 02	252 10	252 10	945 37	119 74	37 81
St. Joseph	2,382	59 55	238 20	238 20	893 25	113 13	35 73
Tiffin	2,232	55 80	223 20	223 20	837 00	106 02	33 48
Total,	20,112	$502 80	$2,011 20	$2,011 20	$7,541 49	$955 30	$301 67

Total amount apportioned for all purposes $13,323. 66.
Total per member 66¼ cents.

The documents placed in our hands are the Reports of the Treasurer of Ohio Synod, of Beneficiary Education, and of the Board of Home Missions, which we find to be correct.

We again recommend that the classes which are in arrears be instructed to raise the arrearages.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON W. SEEMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and is hereby instructed to apportion five hundred dollars among the several classes of the Ohio Synod for contingent fund.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay the sexton, (Mr. U. D. Hoch), ten dollars for his services during the sessions of synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Thursday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. James H. Steele. The report was received and adopted, and the committee instructed to have 125 copies of the nominations printed for the use of synod. On motion, the election of the several boards and of the delegate to the Central Synod was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon immediately after the address of the delegate from the Central Synod. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. William H. Tussing, Harvey L. Hart, Charles W. Good and John A. Seitz were appointed tellers, who distributed the

printed tickets among the members of synod, and gathered, and having retired, counted the ballots; and during the morning session on Saturday they reported the result to synod, and their report was accepted.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Heidelberg Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg University; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Ohio Synod, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 11 the appointment of a delegate to the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. Thereupon the delegate presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your delegate, *primarius*, elected to attend the sessions of the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, begs leave to report, that he was unable, on account of domestic circumstances, to attend to the duty assigned; and that the *secundus* was notified of my inability to be absent from home at the time, but he did not see his way clear to be present at the meeting of said synod; and consequently this synod was not represented in that synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN.

DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

Rev. E. Garver Williams, delegate from the Central Synod of the Reformed Church, during the morning session on Friday, appeared in synod, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member. On motion, his formal address to the synod was made the order of the day immediately after the opening of the afternoon session on Friday. At the appointed time he addressed the synod in a fraternal spirit and appropriate manner, referring to the condition, working and success of the synod he represented, and bearing its brotherly greeting to this synod.

The president properly responded, referring to the past and present relations and activities of both bodies, and requesting the delegate to bear to his synod the cordial and kindly greetings of this synod.

The election of a delegate to the Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to meet in the Second Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday, September 21, A. D. 1892, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., resulted as follows: Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., *primarius;* and Rev. Edward M. Beck, *secundus.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the morning session on Thursday, reported in item 12 that a Standing Committee on Temperance was appointed to report to this synod during its present meeting. Thereupon the said Committee on Temperance submitted their report, which was received and after considerable discussion recommitted, and four members were added to the committee. As thus constituted the committee consists of Revs. S. W. Seeman, Wm. E. Ludwick, Elder Irvin Yost, Revs. Dr. W. A. Hale, I. Rothenberger, Elders Nelson L. Brewer and Daniel Hollibaugh.

This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Temperance respectfully presents the following for your consideration:

The blight of the liquor traffic is seen everywhere. This traffic is a hydra-headed monster, and plies its business shrewdly and continually and finds its victims among all classes. On every hand it ruins, curses and damns. It is the arch enemy of the church, home, and our beloved country. It is the ally and support of every evil! The saloon and the gambling den; the saloon and the dive; the saloon and the variety show are sets of Siamese twins. Liquor sustains Sabbath desecration and the house of prostitution. It disregards the laws of God and of man. It tramples upon everything that is sacred. It becomes the instrument of bribery, inflames the passions of man, dethrones his reason, and nerves the arm of the murderer. It is the greatest hindrance to evangenzation. It meets and too often baffles the missionary in the home field, and the same vessel bears to the land of darkness and superstition Bibles, missionaries and rum.

$900,000,000 are annually spent for liquor in the United States. There is lost to the people of our country by reason of this traffic, $1,500,000,000 yearly, not counting the indirect losses, due to crime, disease, pauperism and negligence. 100,000 persons per annum go down to the drunkard's grave. It furnishes an army of paupers, criminals, tramps, idiots, lunatics, and bankrupts in purse and character. It also furnishes 200,000 centers of moral and political cor-

ruption, of socialism and anarchism. And who can estimate the amount of suffering and misery and wretchedness that it entails! At its demands are yielded up wages, home, wife, children, health, life, the soul, and "an eternity of bliss." Recognizing that the liquor traffic does all this and still more of evil than tongue or pen can tell, therefore,

Resolved, That this synod regards total abstinance from all intoxicating beverages as eminently the example that Christian people should set before all men, and as securing the safety of the individual and the honor of the church of God.

Resolved, That we recognize the necessity of a much higher public conscience on the question of strong drink, and that it can only be obtained by the church taking advanced ground on the temperance question and diligently teaching the virtues of temperance, and warning against the vices of intemperance, and faithfully defending the cause of reform by both precept and example.

Resolved, That this synod set apart the first Lord's Day after Easter as temperance Sabbath and request our pastors to devote the day to sermons and services in promotion of the temperance cause.

Resolved, That we as ministers and members of the Reformed Church pledge ourselves, each in his own way and sphere, to do all in our power utterly and forever to destroy this colossal evil.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON W. SEEMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, during the morning session on Thursday, Revs. Charles E. Miller, Jacob P. Stahl and George W. Henning were appointed to report the proceedings of synod for the public press, and Mr. Parley E. Zartman to report to the *Christian World*. They rendered faithful and efficient service, proving acceptable and satisfactory to the synod.

On motion, during the session of Thursday morning, the president appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, to whom all applications for leave of absence were referred. The committee consists of Revs. Nathan W. Bloom, Charles W. Good, Jacob Ihle, and Elders James M. Wilson and George Souder. This committee, through Rev. J. Ihle, near the hour of final adjournment, presented their report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein contained approved, and the absentees excused.

During the evening session on Saturday, on motion, the synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. The places nominated were Grace Reformed Church, Tiffin, and Hough Avenue Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, when the nominations closed. The roll was called and the election proceeded. The result was that Hough Avenue Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was chosen as the place, and the time fixed was Wednesday, October 5, A. D., 1892, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

At the opening of the afternoon session on Saturday, Rev. E. S. Gillette, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society in Ohio, appeared in synod and by permission addressed the synod in a fitting manner on the subject of the Bible and its claims upon the church and the importance of its further circulation, also giving an interesting statement of the operations and success of the society.

Near the close of the session on Wednesday evening, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the closing hours of the afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday be devoted to a Conference on Church Work, and that the president of synod appoint a committee to prepare a program for such conference.

The committee consists of Revs. Charles E. Miller, Henry S. Bailey, Wilson R. Stearly, and Elders Albert L. Shearer and Nelson L. Brewer. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and accepted.

Your Committee on Church Work Conference have arranged the following:

For the closing hour of the session on Friday afternoon a discussion of "The Model Prayer Meeting." Elder Victor P. Van Horne of Trinity Church, Dayton, Ohio, will conduct the meeting. Various members of synod will speak on "The Object of the Prayer Meeting;" "How shall it be Conducted?" "Who shall Participate," &c. Speakers limited to four minutes.

The conference hour on Saturday afternoon will be given to a Service of Consecration, led by Rev. Wilson R. Stearly of Cleveland, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER, *Chairman.*

IN MEMORIAM.

In compliance with the action of synod (page 65), the following is here recorded *in memoriam* of Elder Andrew H. Baughman:

He was born in Washington County, Md., October 11, 1807; came to Ohio about 1828; married Miss Mary Snyder February 7, 1833; settled in Greene County; in 1833 united with the Reformed Church; and died at Xenia, Ohio, September 7, 1891, aged eighty-three years, ten months and 26 days.

WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove our brother from our midst; therefore,

Resolved, That we will hold him in affectionate remembrance for his Christian character, his consecrated life, his ennobling generosity, and his unquestioned integrity and conscientious fidelity evinced in every position and relation of life, being ever ready to aid and co-operate in advancing the interests of the church and her institutions.

Resolved, That while we sympathize with those who mourn, we feel again reminded of our mortality, and of the importance of faithfulness in life's duties, and of being prepared for the final issue when the Master calls.

STATED CLERK.

During the afternoon session on Saturday, Rev. Wm. A. Hale, D. D., announced to synod that he had received a telegram communicating the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Emily J. Williard, wife of Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., LL.D., at Collegeville, Pa., on October 10. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to extend the sympathy and condolence of the synod to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard in this time of affliction.

In compliance with the instruction given, the president subsequently attended to the duty assigned him in form and manner as follows:

WHEREAS, The information of the death of Mrs. Emily J. Williard, the wife of Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, has been imparted to this synod, we therefore unite in expressing our deep sympathy and condolence with our venerable brother, and with the surviving members of his household.

We request Rev. Dr. Hale to convey this minute to the afflicted family, with our prayer that our heavenly Father will comfort them in this sorrow and affliction, with the Savior's promise of a blissful eternity to all his believing followers.

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President.*

BELLEVUE, OHIO, October 10, 1891.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, during the last session, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, as a synod, hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to the pastor *loci* and the members of the Reformed Church and citizens of Bellevue for their kind hospitality and entertainment given us during this meeting of the Ohio Synod; and we invoke upon them God's richest blessing.

The roll of synod was called, in connection with the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, and there were none found absent without permission or excuse.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last day was dispensed with, but they were adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in convention in the Hough Avenue Reformed Church at Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 5, A. D. 1892, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod finally adjourned on Monday, October 12, 1891, at twelve o'clock M., by uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and benediction by the president.

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Ohio Synod, Reformed Church in the United States.

The society met in annual session in the Congregational Church, at Bellevue, Ohio, on Thursday, October 7, 1891, at 2.30 P. M.

The society was called to order by the President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, and opened with devotional exercises. Thereafter a short time was devoted to consecration services.

As the Secretary, Mrs. Ida Deemer, had been called from our midst by the messenger of death, the president appointed Miss Hattie Wilt, Secretary *pro tem.* The enrollment of delegates, which was then proceeded with, showed that all the classes within the bounds of the Ohio Synod had organized societies, and that a quorum was present.

On motion, by Mrs. S. B. Yockey, it was decided to defer the election of officers until Friday morning.

The delegates representing classical societies were as follows:

Miami Classis. Mrs. A. D. Freeman, Tadmor, O.

Lancaster Classis. Mrs. J. H. Albright, Bremen, O.

Tiffin Classis. Mrs. H. T. Heller, Tiffin, O.

St. Joseph Classis. Mrs. Benj. Ashbaucher, Bluffton, Ind.

Eastern Ohio Classis. Mrs. W. H. Shults, Leavittsburg, O.

Delegates Representing Congregational Societies:

Miami Classis. Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, O.

Lancaster Classis. Mrs. A. D. Wolfinger, Thornville, O., Mrs. J. L. Bretz, Canal Winchester, O.

Tuscarawas Classis. Mrs. E. M. Black, Canton, O., Mrs. S. O. Eggert, Massillon, O., Mrs. J. Ihle, Loyal Oak, O.

Tiffin Classis. Mrs. L. H. Kefauver, Mrs. Wilson Keller, Mrs. H. H. W. Hibshman, Mrs. D. Van Horne, Mrs. C. O. Knepper, Tiffin, O., Mrs. Maurer, Bloomville, O., Mrs. J. I. Swander, Fremont, O., Mrs. F. H. Keller, Fireside, O., Mrs. G. H. Souder, Miss Hattie Wilt, Bellevue, O., Mrs. John Goss, Fort Seneca, O.

St. Joseph Classis. Miss Jennie Harnish, Bluffton, Ind., Mrs. F. Ware, Three Rivers, Mich., Mrs. D. W. Souder, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eastern Ohio Classis. Mrs. R. Keller, Germano, O.

The society was then favored with encouraging remarks by Rev. D. S. Fouse, and Dr. P. C. Prugh.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

On Resolutions: Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. J. H. Albright, Mrs. Benj. Ashbaucher.

On Reports and Statistics: Mrs. H. H. W. Hibshman, Mrs. E. M. Black, Mrs. A. D. Freeman.

Auditing Committee: Mrs. C. O. Knepper, Mrs. R. Keller, Mrs. A. C. Prugh.

On Assessments: Mrs. L. H. Kefauver, Mrs. J. L. Bretz, Mrs. W. H. Shults.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A large audience gathered in the Reformed Church in response to the invitation from the pastor of the church, and from the Woman's Missionary Society. Practical papers were read on various phases of missionary work. The program was as follows:

Anthem by the Choir.
Invocation . . . . . Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.
Singing . . . . . Congregation.
Scripture Reading and Prayer . . . . . Rev. D. S. Fouse.
Address of Welcome . . . . . Mrs. G. H. Souder.
Response . . . . . Mrs. S. O. Eggert.
Paper—"Woman's Work in the Church" . . . . . Mrs. E. M. Black.
Singing . . . . . Congregation.
Paper—"The Progress of Missionary Work" . . . . . Mrs. J. H. Albright.
Paper—"The Duty of the Stay-at-Homes" . . . . . Mrs. A. D. Freeman.
Music . . . . . Male Quartet.
Paper—"Missionary Societies as a Means of Development . . . . Mrs. W. H. Shults.
Paper - "The Regions Beyond" . . . . . Mrs. A. K. Zartman.
Collection, ($25.85.)
Singing . . . . . Congregation.
Doxology.
Benediction by Rev. D. S. Fouse.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After the usual devotional exercises the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.
First Vice President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey.
Second Vice President, Mrs. L. H. Kefauver.
Recording Secretary, Miss Hattie Wilt.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Benj. Ashbaucher.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. O. Knepper.

Executive Committee: Board of Officers, and Mrs. O. A. Hursh, Mrs. A. D. Freeman, Mrs. H. T. Heller.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

WHEREAS, We feel confident that God's blessing has rested upon the missionary workers of the Ohio Synod during the past year as

evidenced by the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of Tiffin Classis, thus completing the organization for woman's work of all the classes within its bounds; and

WHEREAS, While grateful for the progress made, we realize that our work is retarded by a lack of system in reporting moneys raised and distributed; therefore

Resolved, That a special effort be made to systematize the work during the coming year, so that the treasurer of each congregational society send to the treasurer of each classical society, before its annual meeting, receipts for all moneys disbursed during the year, strictly for missionary purposes.

Resolved, That immediately after the minutes of each classical society are printed the treasurer of the same shall send a copy to the treasurer of the synodical society, so that she may have a complete report of all the classical societies within the bounds of the synod.

Resolved, That the President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Ohio Synod, see that blanks for reports and credentials are each year sent to every congregational society, so that these matters may be attended to in a uniform and systematic manner.

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Society, Ohio Synod, raise the sum of $100 toward the support of a lady teacher in Sendai, Japan, for the coming year.

Resolved, That special efforts be made to instruct congregational societies, so that the assessment of one dollar on each congregational society be paid to the classical society to which it is auxiliary, before the time of its annual meeting. One half of this amount to be paid by the classical to the synodical society for a Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That we return to our homes to work more earnestly and conscientiously through our missionary societies for the extension of Christ's kingdom, and that we study to improve ourselves as missionary workers.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the ladies of Bellevue for their kind hospitality, to the ladies of the Congregational Church for the use of their beautiful rooms, and to our brethren for courtesies received, and to the officers who have so faithfully labored in the interest of the synodical society during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. S. B. YOCKEY,
MRS. J. H. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. BENJ. ASHBAUCHER,
Committee.

Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. M. Loucks, Mrs. E. Herbruck were appointed a committee to prepare blanks for reports and credentials.

On motion the society decided to pay the remaining $18.73 of the $100 promised for the support of a lady teacher in Sendai Japan.

The following statistical report was adopted.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

In St. Joseph Classis we found the following errors credited in the treasurer's report of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod. It reads, total amount collected by the societies during the year $1,640.76, by Mission Bands $12.07, total $1,652.83, and further reads, moneys actually paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society $111.52, by Mission Bands $12.07, total $123.58.

Collections of Classical Societies of Ohio Synod were as follows:

Eastern Ohio Classis	$ 540 24
Woman's Missionary Society, Miami Classis	1,658 89
Mission Band, Miami Classis	290 66
Woman's Missionary Society, St. Joseph Classis	111 51
Mission Band, St. Joseph Classis	12 07
Woman's Missionary Society, Tuscarawas Classis	548 42
Woman's Missionary Society, Lancatter Classis	691 62
Woman's Missionary Society, Tiffin Classis	281 00
Total amount by Societies,	$4,135 31
Total amount paid Mrs. Dr. Herman, for Foreign Missions	81 25
Total amount paid Rev. D. S. Fouse	101 25
Total amount paid to treasurer of synodical society	98 16

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. O. EGGERT,
MRS. A. D. FREEMAN,
MRS. ELLEN M. BLACK,
Committee.

The statistical report showing that the societies are not receiving credit due them, therefore,

On motion, We as a Synodical Missionary Society, protest against the using of funds collected by congregational missionary societies for the payment of classical apportionments or church debts.

On motion, it was decided to publish all resolutions adopted by the synodical society in the *Christian World.*

The president appointed Mrs. S. O. Eggert to take charge of a column in the *Christian World* and also urged all members to contribute to this column.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to prepare a directory for the *Christian World.* Minutes were read and approved. The society adjourned to meet in connection with the Ohio Synod at its next annual meeting.

HATTIE WILT, *Recording Secretary.*

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.
William A. Hale, D. D.	1st Church, Dayton	1	671	.	9	11	21	29	529	16	1	4	6	2	58	476	.	$ 752 66	$6,027 00	25	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey . . .	Xenia	1	219	. .	4	2	11	2	190	3	.	.	3	1	21	180	.	309 00	1,300 00	12	Xenia, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	1st Reformed Ch.	1	345	100	12	4	9	12	335	20	1	12	5	1	23	260	.	334 00	2,700 00	16	Miamisburg, O.
. . . . .	West Alexandria .	3	252	23	3	4	9	1	200	25	.	.	8	4	12	250	.	150 00	500 00	17	West Alexandria, O.
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	3	455	75	24	21	29	18	381	9	.	28	8	3	43	390	.	558 00	1,012 00	25	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor . .	Union	5	541	98	2	8	12	9	484	12	.	.	1	5	. .	.	.	100 00	805 00	30	North Hampton, O.
Harvey L. Hart	Bethel	4	125	32	6	3	5	. .	100	.	.	26	.	4	.	255	.	23 85	450 00	8	Greenville, O.
George Z. Mechling . .	1st Reformed . .	1	109	33	9	7	12	1	93	.	.	9	.	1	24	175	.	98 00	599 00	8	Hamilton, O.
Richard B. Reichard . .	New Madison .	4	231	. .	2	1	2	4	200	.	.	26	2	3	40	237	.	125 00	260 00	15	Greenville, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly . .	Farmersville . . .	2	241	105	14	4	11	6	255	9	.	17	7	2	24	250	1	185 00	910 00	14	Farmersville, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly, sup.	Winchester . .	1	12	5	. .	. .	.	1	12	2	.	.	2	1	6	50	.	4 00	50 00	4	Farmersville, O.
. . . . .	Tremont City . .	3	220	.	8	3	3	. .	110	3	.	.	1	3	42	250	.	22 00	900 00	20	Tremont City, O.
B. Frank Davis . . .	Springboro . . .	1	97	56	1	4	5	2	89	4	.	.	2	1	12	100	.	153 00	577 49	10	Springboro, O.
Herbruck & Loucks sup.	Valley	3	231	67	1	2	14	1	177	8	.	8	9	3	22	220	.	152 00	1,806 00	18	Dayton, O.
William H. Tussing, 1 .	Germantown . . .	2	181	63	18	7	16	9	147	9	.	7	5	2	38	217	2	127 00	750 00	12	Barberton, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver . . .	3	295	49	6	. .	10	9	205	9	.	9	8	3	39	251	2	732 43	1,669 00	30	Alpha, O.
Albert Klinger	New Pittsburgh .	3	167	13	1	1	4	1	108	1	.	8	1	3	.	260	.	13 00	37 00	8	Boundary City, Ind.
William E. Ludwick . .	Greenville . .	1	75	23	2	7	17	7	68	3	.	2	2	1	16	95	.	75 00	450 00	8	Greenville, O.
Charles E. Miller	Trinity	1	256	87	7	10	21	44	214	5	.	5	3	1	23	155	2	180 00	2,885 00	15	Dayton, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr .	Highland . . .	2	175	16	4	10	15	7	131	7	.	10	1	2	22	131	.	69 00	735 00	5	Hillsboro, O.
Samuel B. Yockey, sup .	Cæsar Creek . . .	2	60	. .	. .	. .	.	. .	55	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	6	Xenia, O.
. . . . .	West Baltimore .	1	29	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. .	West Baltimore, O.
. . . . .	Salem	2	45	13	.	. .	19	2	40	. .	.	.	.	2	32	170	.	2 03	1,211 00	2	Oran, O.
Levi Rike, sup	Zion (Elk Creek) .	1	27	7	.	. .	. .	.	27	.	.	.	1	1	11	45	.	20 00	100 00	2	Heno, O.
James S. Keppel	Trinity . . .	3	139	7	1	1	1	. .	. .	.	.	6	2	2	21	120	.	79 96	370 00	15	Swand's' Crossing, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D .	Without Charge .	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . .	1	Miamisburg, O.
Adam Hawker	" "	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Dayton, O.
Raymond R. Lackey . .	" "	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Greenville, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	Ed. Christ. World	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Dayton, O.
Michael Loucks, D. D .	Ed. Christ. World	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chapl. N. Mil. Home	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Nat. Mil. Home, O.
John A. Ketrow	Without Charge .	.	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	.	.	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Ada, O.
26	Total.	54	5204	872	134	110	249	65	4150	145	2	177	77	51	529	4537	7	$4,264 93	$26,103 49	332	

1. Rev W. H. Tussing is dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
Geo. H. Leonard	Basil	2	494	125	13	3	8	2	380	12	.	5	3	2	46	273	.	$407 00	$768 00	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D	Zion's	1	253	119	11	1	5	3	221	5	.	.	2	1	15	142	1	205 00	929 00	9	Delaware, O.
John A. Seitz	Stoutsville	3	220	118	7	2	5	2	150	4	.	.	9	2	32	140	.	230 00	631 00	7	Stoutsville, O.
Abram D. Wolfinger	Thornville	3	230	78	5	4	21	10	214	7		15	2	3	34	193	4	490 00	1,075 00	10	Thornville, O.
Gideon P. Fisher	Glenford	3	201	73	4	4	20	1	195	4	.	25	4	3	35	179	.	288 00	598 00	6	Somerset, O.
John L. Bretz	Winchester	1	178	76	.	2	2	2	122	18	.	18	1	1	17	195	.	301 00	330 00	6	Canal Winchester, O.
Samuel L. Runkel	Kinkinnick	2	121	46	10	5	16	1	100	6	.	10	2	2	30	125	.	75 00	795 00	9	Hallsville, O.
John H. Albright	Rushville	.	143	15	11	12	38	.	115	15	1	.	4	2	20	200	1	45 00	620 00	8	Bremen, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Union	4	209	95	10	3	10	5	195	5	.	24	10	3	38	170	.	101 00	917 00	10	Baltimore, O.
Solomon W. Seeman	Grace, Columbus	1	112	.	7	9	13	.	101	1	.	2	1	1	16	150	.	70 00	619 00	10	Columbus, O.
Vacant	Lancaster	2	200	72	33	17	17	23	200	69	.	56	18	2	23	238	1	30 00	1,490 00	7	
James Heffley	North Union	1	30	45	.	.	.	.	30	.	.	.	.	1	7	35	.	.	.	1	Canal Winchester, O.
Peter D. Schory	Without charge	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lancaster, O.
E. Calvin Rust	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Orangeville, Ill.
G. Wm. H. Smith	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lancaster, O.
. . . . .	Zion	3	130	60	7	.	10	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	10	40	.	.	.	5	
14		26	2521	922	118	62	165	49	2028	147	1	155	56	24	323	2020	7	$2,242 00	$8,772 00	100	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Edward M. Beck	Eng. Ref., Wooster	1	185	53	13	6	19	19	143	7	.	22	4	1	24	180	.	$159 00	$1,011 00	10	Wooster, O.
Isaiah S. Hahne	Salem, C. F.	1	110	71	5	5	5	2	104	7	.	2	5	1	. .	. .	.	143 00	900 00	8	Canal Fulton, O.
Nathan W. Bloom	Reedsburg	3	187	. .	. .	4	12	3	179	6	.	. .	3	3	41	280	1	180 00	860 00	15	Reedsburg, O.
Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	Wadsworth	1	239	53	5	10	15	5	218	15	.	. .	1	1	27	203	.	119 00	875 00	15	Wadsworth, O.
Emil P. Herbruck	Canton	1	625	140	60	14	30	71	450	6	.	10	5	1	37	481	.	250 00	8,000 00	10	Canton, O.
. . . . .	New Berlin	1	100	20	9	1	4	4	79	. .	.	. .	2	1	19	122	.	70 00	350 00	5	New Berlin, O.
George A. House	Navarre	4	241	145	6	6	22	8	173	9	.	20	8	3	57	324	.	178 00	1,044 00	17	Navarre, O.
Jacob Thle	Loyal Oak	2	179	65	3	5	15	2	150	9	.	6	4	2	. .	. .	.	91 00	710 00	12	Loyal Oak, O.
George E. Metger	Mohican	3	122	59	1	. .	. .	. .	108	. .	.	8	5	3	45	215	.	119 00	825 00	14	Mohican, O.
John D. Neff	Tuscarawas	4	270	84	17	. .	1	9	229	3	.	4	4	4	41	317	2	158 00	600 00	17	Massillon, O.
Silas B. Mase	Uniontown	3	247	80	3	1	24	20	230	2	.	. .	9	3	36	276	.	130 00	935 00	18	Lake, O.
John C. Schaaf	Manchester	4	287	. .	31	8	9	3	287	17	.	52	15	4	. .		.	250 00	800 00	21	Nimisila, O.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	Shelby	3	190	95	. .	21	22	11	171	6	.	12	4	3	35	210	.	120 00	900 00	14	Shelby, O.
Jacob P. Stahl	Marshallville	2	208	62	8	6	11	11	188	10	.	21	5	2	28	162	1	193 00	700 00	10	Marshallville, O.
Wilson R. Stearly	Hough Ave., Cleveland	1	66		4	. .	11	12	55	3	.	11	.	1	15	65	.	18 00	715 00	15	Cleveland, O.
Edward D. Wettach	Trinity, Akron	1	142	80	20	17	30	28	115	. .	.	. .	1	1	22	250	.	20 00	1,446 00	10	Akron, O.
Edwin R. Williard, 1	Grace, Akron	1	639	236	49	29	78	38	473	121	2	89	7	1	47	530	1	688 00	1,878 00	17	Akron, O.
George P. Hartzell, 2	Apple Creek	1	170	54	8	4	12	3	151	3	.	18	4	1	16	107	.	115 00	500 00	8	Apple Creek, O.
J. H. Schreffler	West Salem	4	166	90	8	3	15	4	160	3	.	. .	3	3	36	200	2	120 00	675 00	19	West Salem, O.
. . . . .	Canaan, 3	2	88	21	2	. .	. .	. .	67	. .	.	. .	.	2	19	106	.	60 00	488 00	10	Canaan, O.
John C. Klar	Without charge	.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. .	.	.	. .	. .	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	Navarre, O.
18		43	4461	1308	257	140	335	253	3729	227	2	275	84	41	545	4028	7	$3,161 00	$24,212 00	265	

1. Rev. E. R. Williard entered upon the work in Akron, July 1, 1891.
2. Rev. G. P. Hartzell became pastor in October, 1891.
3. Rev. L. C. Edmonds has accepted a call to Canaan Charge.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
Reuben Good	Prof. Em. Heid. U																			1	Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D	Prof. Heid. Th. Sem																			1	" "
David Van Horne, D. D.	Pres. Heid. Th. Sem																			1	" "
John Kost, Ph.D. M.D. LL.D	Chancellor Heid. U																			1	" "
Charles O. Knepper, Lic.	Prof. Heid. U																			1	" "
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D	Prof. Heid. U																			1	" "
John A. Peters, D. D	Pres. L. D. Heid. U																			1	" "
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D	First Ref., Tiffin	1	294	90	9	1	12	7	271	6		10	1		206	2	$ 115	$1,226	18	" "
H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D	Grace Ref., Tiffin	1	223	78	4	1	5	13	215	12		4	1		244	4	132	1,340	15	113 E. Perry St., Tiffin, O.
Isaac A. Sites	Fostoria	2	134	41	1	1	1	1	118	6	14	6	2		174		116	860	18	Navarre, O.
	Ada*																		10	
Joseph W. Barber	Paulding Mission	4	125	95	10	1	5	1	100			3	1½		200		80	350	9	Payne, Paulding Co., O.
John E. Dingledine	Lindsey	2	67	35					75			3	2		160		45	60	8	Lindsey, O.
David A. Parks	Bloomville	1	169	50	5	5	9	6	135			2	1		220		150	750	25	Bloomville, O.
" " "	Carrothers	1	34	25	3			9	18								11	175	10	" "
" " "	St. Jacob's	1	100	50					40				1		50		15	150	25	" "
Geo. H. Souder	Bellevue	2	202	73	8	2	5	3	165	2	5	1	2		218		203	2,491	12	Bellevue, O.
Noah A. Ernst	Lima	3	65	28		2	3	2	53	1	3		2		135		42	275	7	Lima, O.
Albert H. Zechiel	Bascom	2	150	60	12	3	10	4	140			4	2		195		80	990	12	Bascom, O.
John I. Swander, D. D	Fremont	1	103	42	2	1	1	4	99	2		3	1		90		65	440	6	Fremont, O.
Joshua J. Excell	Liberty Center	3	107	2	1	2	11	1	80			1	1		127		80	410	40	Liberty Center, O.
	Helena	1	40		3	4	3		35				1		70				5	
	Ft. Seneca	3	91		3										170				5	
Frederick H. Keller	Zion	2	170	105	14	5	21	4	138			4	2		160		126	550	10	Fireside, O.
Chas. W. Good	Without charge																		1	Tiffin, O.
Augustus Konetzka	" "																			Fostoria, O.
Martin Mueller	" "																		1	Oberlin, O.
Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D	" "																		1	Tiffin, O.
22		33	2232	882	86	28	92	64	1870	29	35	40	24		2649	6	$1,334	$11,207	245	

*Rev. John A. Ketrow became pastor of Ada Charge November 1, 1891.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
John J. Leberman, D.D.	Louisville	2	423	65	31	11	33	8	404	.	.	2	14	2	34	275	1	$219 00	$ 925 00	20	Louisville, O.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	275	25	18	3	6	1	256	1	.	.	3	1	20	280	2	425 00	1,100 00	15	Columbiana, O.
John M. Kendig	Canfield	4	374	59	9	3	20	1	279	10	.	.	4	4	40	265	.	991 00	925 00	22	Canfield, O.
John J. M. Gruber	New Lisbon	2	234	150	9	17	11	9	220	4	.	3	6	2	18	240	.	200 00	1,185 00	20	New Lisbon, O.
Reuben Keller	New Jefferson	2	184	45	5	5	19	2	155	.	.	4	5	2	26	124	1	113 00	648 00	18	Germano, O.
Vacant	Carrollton	2	225	20	14	5	5	.	185	3	.	.	7	2	31	126	.	36 00	700 00	8	Carrollton, O.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Mt. Olivet	2	375	180	11	3	23	7	325	.	.	.	5	2	23	287	.	358 00	2,000 00	9	North Lima, O.
Albert Gonser	Robertsville	3	480	86	28	.	6	45	403	14	.	29	3	3	50	375	.	363 00	806 00	19	Robertsville, O.
Wm. H. Shults	Warren	3	187	62	10	3	4	26	157	3	.	6	5	3	32	198	.	147 00	554 00	13	Leavittsburg, O.
Benjamin H. Roth	Springfield	2	315	110	15	10	22	13	281	3	.	.	8	2	33	225	.	141 00	771 00	12	Petersburg, O.
Vacant	Strasburg	4	240	55	4	.	22	2	200	.	.	.	6	4	23	215	.	17 00	375 00	4	Alliance, O.
George W. Henning	Without charge	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	Osnaburg, O.
Michael A. Miller	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carrollton, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Youngstown, O.
Francis A. Edmonds	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	Odell, Ill.
13		27	3312	857	154	60	171	114	2865	38	.	44	66	27	330	2610	4	$3,010 00	$9,989 00	162	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.
John M. Kessler	Mulberry	4	425	340	26	9	50	21	390	6	.	.	20	4	77	490	.	$304 00	$1,124 24	20	Mulberry, Ind.
William H. Xanders	Bluffton	3	235	140	9	4	11	5	175	1	.	.	2	3	35	255	.	249 79	1,100 00	15	Bluffton, Ind.
Solomon A. Alt	Wakeshma	4	183	68	1	8	20	2	132	2	.	4	4	4	46	242	1	125 00	795 28	6	Wichita, Kan.
Freeman Ware	Three Rivers	1	112	50	5	1	4	1	82	3	.	10	2	1	19	133	.	60 50	700 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
Freeman Ware, sup	Moore Park	1	36	12	2	.	4	.	30	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	17 50	76 00	2	" " "
William A. From	Bunker Hill	3	80	.	.	5	5	1	71	.	.	.	4	2	20	120	.	37 00	500 00	8	Pulaski, O.
. . . . .	Neriah Mission*	2	42	.	.	1	7	1	39	1	.	10	1	1	7	35	.	27 00	142 00	5	Moroeco, Mich.
Henry S. Bailey	White Pigeon	2	90	.	.	19	21	2	82	2	.	22	2	2	15	115	.	61 10	781 50	5	White Pigeon, Mich.
Theo. J. Bacher, sup	St. Paul's Mission	2	78	50	.	.	.	.	58	.	.	6	.	2	17	87	.	. . . . .	100 00	6	Nottawa, Mich.
len K. Zartman	Grace Mission	1	200	60	10	9	9	19	175	3	.	27	2	1	20	160	1	140 00	2,363 00	8	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
" " " sup	Salem	1	45	55	6	3	4	.	40	.	.	17	1	1	10	70	.	21 00	200 00	4	" " "
muel Shaw	Marmont	5	282	157	24	29	40	23	240	6	.	20	5	5	70	371	.	120 45	2,400 00	25	Marmont, Ind.
el Rothenberger	Plymouth Mission	2	81	25	1	2	1	.	71	.	.	10	1	1	16	70	.	26 00	215 00	3	Plymouth, Ind.
vis B. Clayton	Union	2	109	54	4	3	5	.	95	.	.	.	5	2	36	126	.	41 00	400 00	4	Hudson, Ind.
nry H. Sandoe	Denver	3	156	61	21	7	32	2	91	.	.	.	.	2	21	118	.	. . . . .	379 00	15	Canal Winchester, O.
iah S. Hahn	Zion's	2	145	.	.	7	6	4	135	.	.	48	.	2	44	241	.	5 27	1,200 00	13	Canal Fulton, O.
eodore J. Bacher	Nottawa	1	33	18	.	1	3	7	31	.	.	.	.	1	11	55	.	11 50	1,950 00	6	Nottawa, Mich.
. . . . .	Winamac†	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	Winamac, Ind.
. . . . .	Kentland Mission†	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .		Brook, Ind.
Daniel Kroh	Without charge	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	.	East Saginaw, Mich.
Elias Spangler	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Edgerton, O.
Peter J. Spangler	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Farmer, O.
John V. Potts	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	North Robinson, O.
William H. Mawherter	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Wasepi, Mich.
Jonathan C. Beade	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	Columbus Junc., Ia.
Henry S. Gekeler	" "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	St. Joseph, Mo.
21		30	2282	109	109	108	222	88	1907	24	.	177	49	34	464	2688	2	$1,246 21	$14,426 02	156	

*Vacant †No report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN UNITED STATES FOR 1891

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.
Miami	1	26	54	5,204	872	134	110	249	65	4,150	145	2	177	77	51	529	4,537	7	$4,265	$26,103	332
Lancaster	1	14	26	2,521	922	118	62	165	49	2,023	147	1	155	56	24	323	2,020	7	2,242	8,772	100
Tuscarawas	1	18	43	4,461	1,308	257	140	335	253	3,729	227	2	275	84	41	545	4,028	7	3,161	24,212	265
Tiffin	1	22	33	2,232	882	86	28	92	64	1,870	29	.	35	40	24	281	2,649	6	1,334	11,207	245
Eastern Ohio	1	13	27	3,312	857	154	69	171	114	2,865	38	.	44	66	27	330	2,610	4	3,010	9,989	162
St. Joseph	1	21	39	2,382	109	109	108	222	88	1,907	24	.	177	49	34	464	2,688	2	1,246	14,426	156
	6	114	222	20,112	5,939	858	508	1,234	633	16,544	610	5	863	372	201	2,472	18,532	33	$15,258	$94,709	1,260

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1891.

SYNODS.																					
Eastern Synod	11	242	486	86,832	49,716	5,506	509	4,550	2,274	68,974	1,356	4	925	2,781	577	5,896	59,824	105	$78,925	$383,732	
Ohio Synod	6	114	222	20,112	5,939	858	508	1,234	633	16,544	610	5	863	372	201	2,472	18,532	33	15,258	94,709	
Synod of Northwest	10	133	200	18,434	15,424	1,716	24	1,042	881	14,760	194	10	394	424	190	. . .	12,128	40	16,581	94,979	
Pittsburgh Synod	5	63	131	14,346	9,069	898	94	700	605	11,852	388	.	212	286	112	. . .	9,137	16	42,197	74,527	
Synod of Potomac	9	145	301	33,823	20,714	1,899	331	1,801	985	28,037	599	1	289	810	276	826	25,314	57	32,074	165,461	
German Synod of East	5	53	46	13,737	8,949	1,970	18	741	699	10,395	141	2	345	491	45	928	9,704	12	7,629	82,377	
Central Synod	4	79	115	17,981	10,677	1,230	82	1,023	857	13,120	232	10	491	484	105	. .	11,089	25	13,189	97,736	
Synod of Interior	5	38	72	2,815	1,589	143	95	220	135	2,085	48	.	105	41	56	394	2,836	3	2,523	19,416	
Grand Total: Synods, 8.	55	867	1573	208,080	122,077	14.220	1,661	11,311	7,069	165767	3,568	32	3,624	5,689	1562	10,516	148,564	291	$208,376	$1,012,937	

NOTE.—Stated Clerks of the several synods in the order in which they are arranged respectively: 1. Rev. John P. Stein, Millersville, Pa. 2. Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O. 3. Rev. John J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis. 4. Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., Greenville, Pa. 5. Rev. William M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. Emil Dahlman, 413 N. 38th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 7. Rev. John Bachman, D. D., 669 Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, O. 8. Rev. G. Dickie Gurley, Tipton, Cedar Co., Iowa.

Annual meetings of the synods in 1892: *Eastern* ——, October 19. *Ohio*—Hough Avenue Reformed Church, Cleveland, O., October 5. *Northwest*—Franklin, Wis., October 5. *Pittsburgh*—Irwin, Pa., September 28. *Potomac*—Martinsburg, W. Va., October 11. *German of the East*—St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pa., September 14. *Central*—Second Church, Dayton, O., September 21. *Interior*—Lisbon Iowa, October 19.

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